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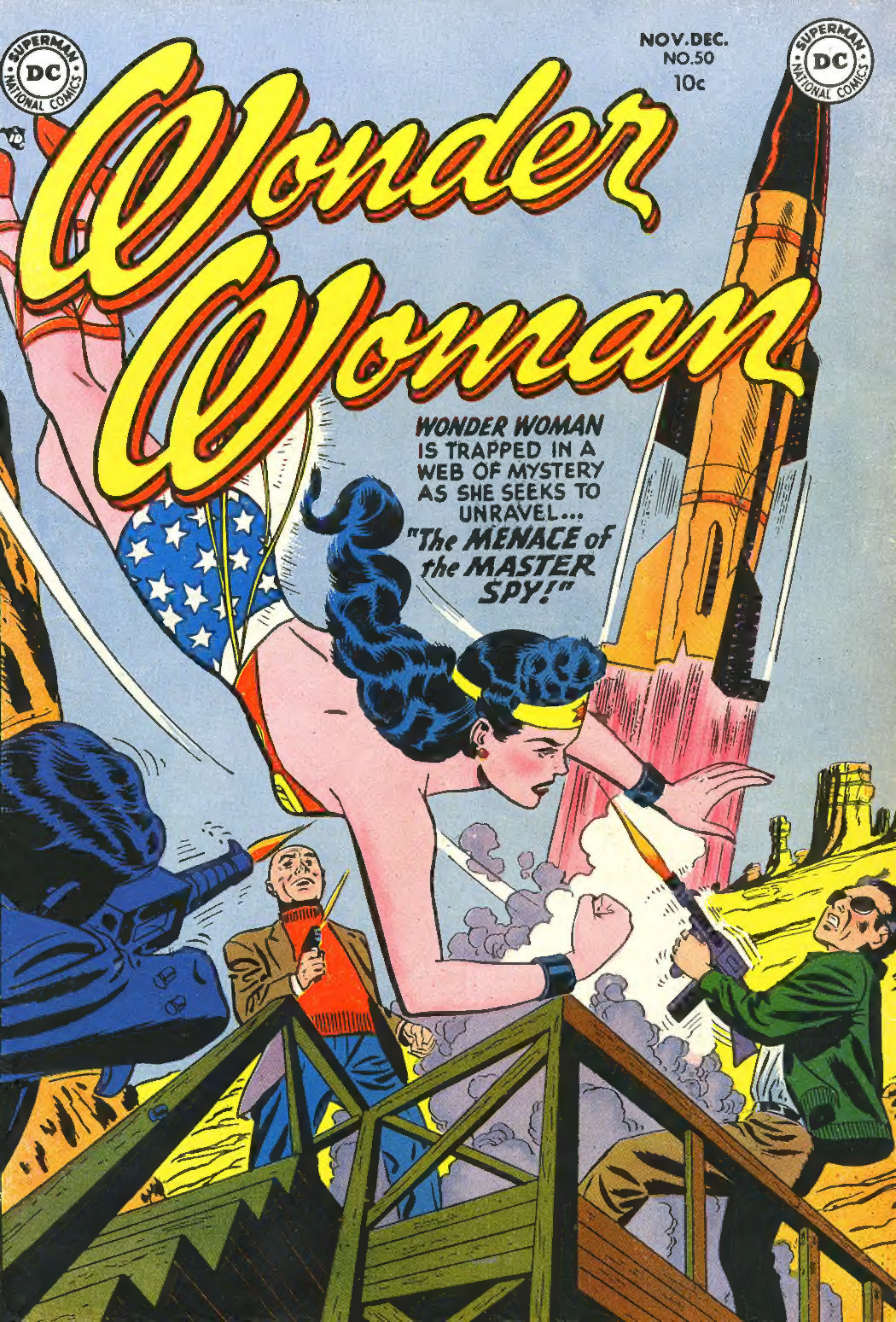
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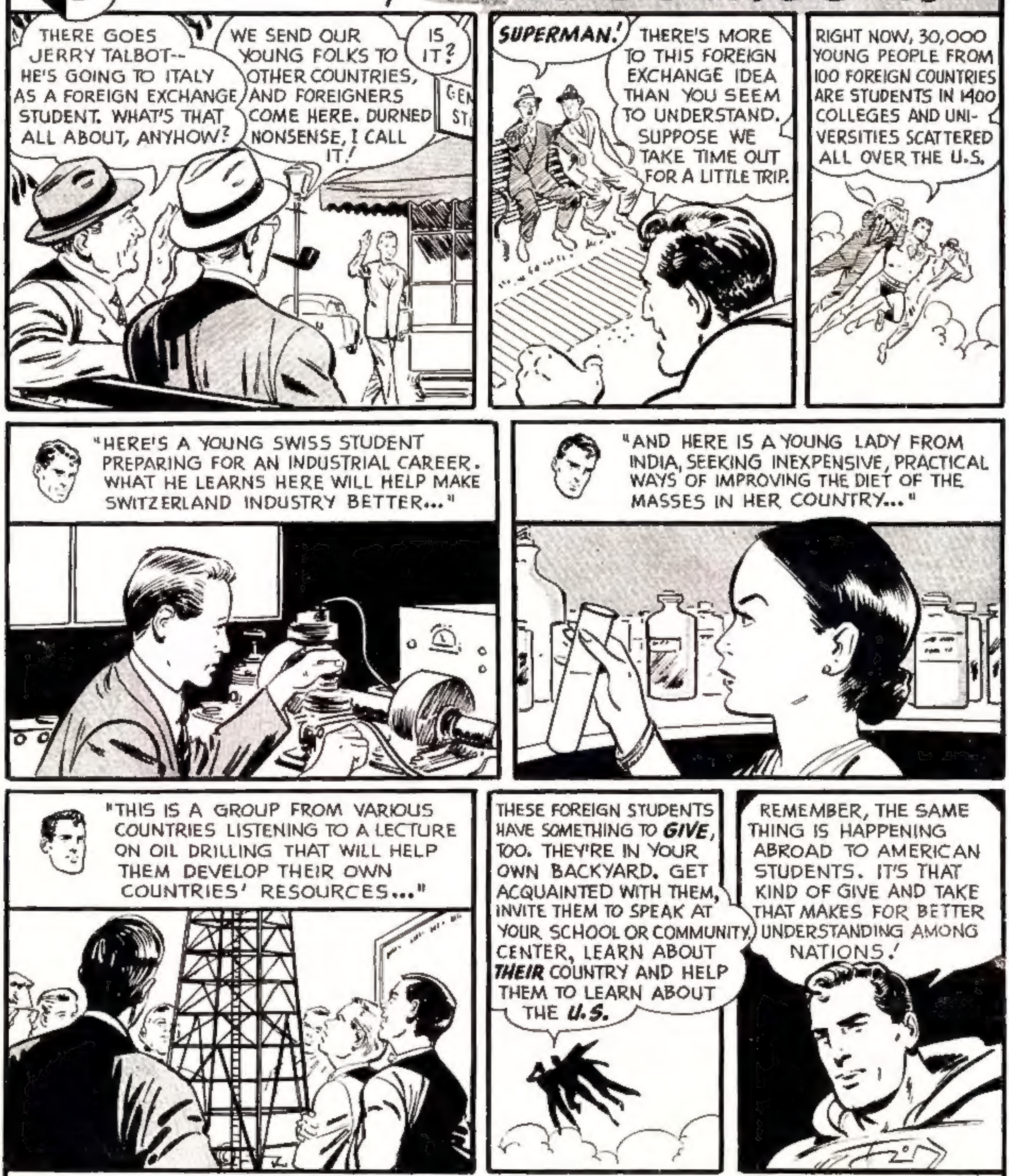
WONDER WOMAN IS TRAPPED IN A WEB OF MYSTERY AS SHE SEEKS TO UNRAVEL... "The MENACE of the MASTER SPY!"

SUPERMAN says: "The WORLD is our SCHOOLROOM!"


THERE GOES JERRY TALBOT-- HE'S GOING TO ITALY AS A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT. WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT, ANYHOW?
WE SEND OUR YOUNG FOLKS TO OTHER COUNTRIES, AND FOREIGNERS COME HERE. DURNED NONSENSE, I CALL IT!
IS IT?
SUPERMAN!
THERE'S MORE TO THIS FOREIGN EXCHANGE IDEA THAN YOU SEEM TO UNDERSTAND. SUPPOSE WE TAKE TIME OUT FOR A LITTLE TRIP.
RIGHT NOW, 30,000 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 100 FOREIGN COUNTRIES ARE STUDENTS IN 1400 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SCATTERED ALL OVER THE U.S.
"HERE'S A YOUNG SWISS STUDENT PREPARING FOR AN INDUSTRIAL CAREER. WHAT HE LEARNS HERE WILL HELP MAKE SWITZERLAND INDUSTRY BETTER..."
"AND HERE IS A YOUNG LADY FROM INDIA, SEEKING INEXPENSIVE, PRACTICAL WAYS OF IMPROVING THE DIET OF THE MASSES IN HER COUNTRY..."
"THIS IS A GROUP FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES LISTENING TO A LECTURE ON OIL DRILLING THAT WILL HELP THEM DEVELOP THEIR OWN COUNTRIES' RESOURCES..."
THESE FOREIGN STUDENTS HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE, TOO. THEY'RE IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD. GET ACQUAINTED WITH THEM, INVITE THEM TO SPEAK AT YOUR SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY CENTER, LEARN ABOUT THEIR COUNTRY AND HELP THEM TO LEARN ABOUT THE U.S.
REMEMBER, THE SAME THING IS HAPPENING ABROAD TO AMERICAN STUDENTS. IT'S THAT KIND OF GIVE AND TAKE THAT MAKES FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG NATIONS!

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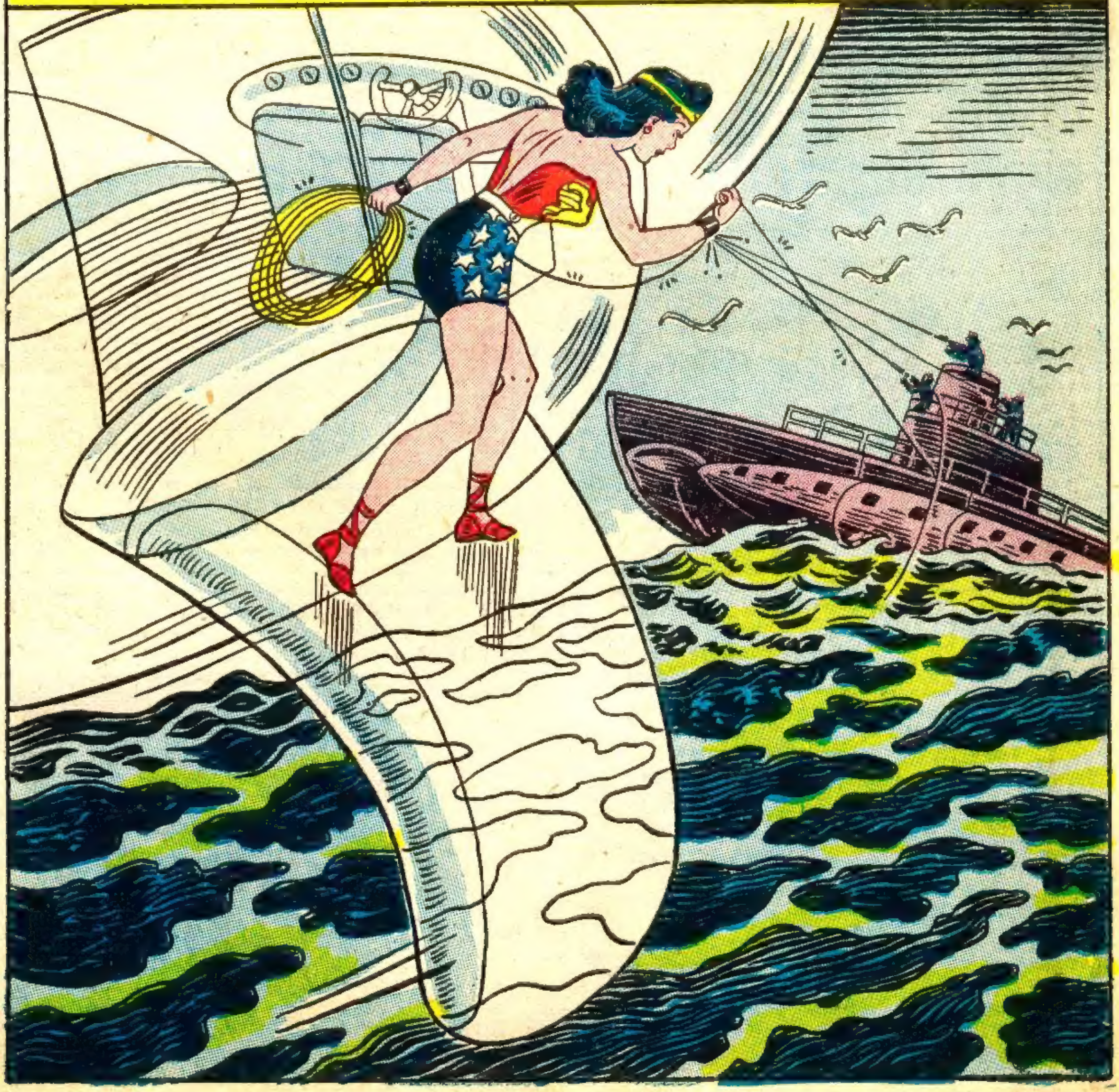
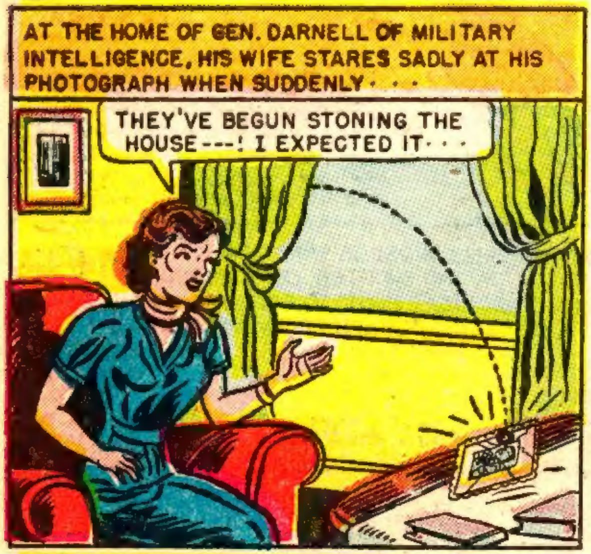
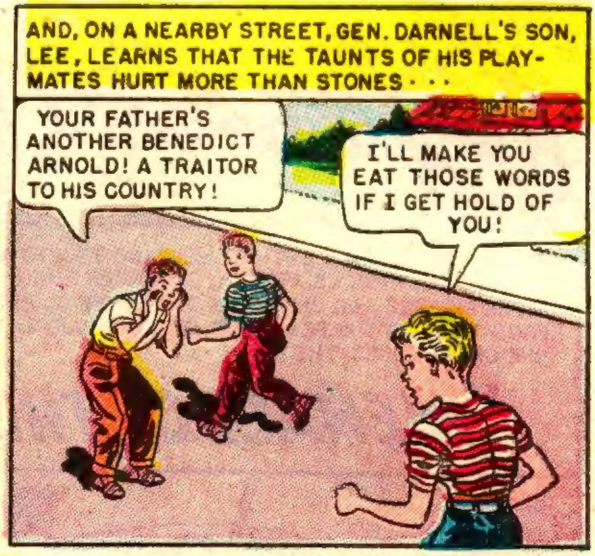
By CHARLES MOULTON

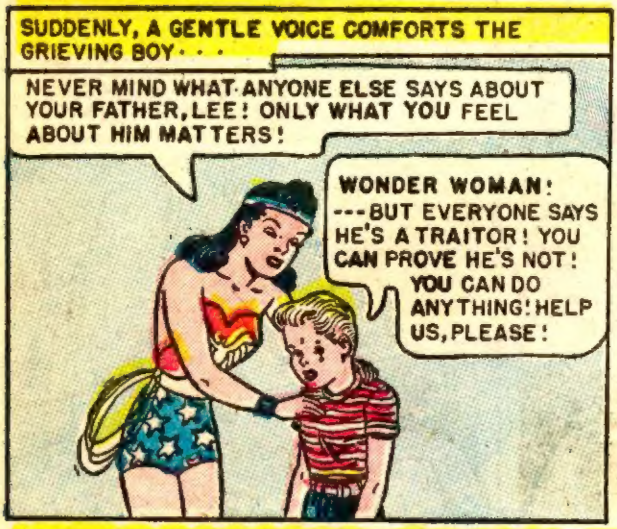
WHEN A SUPPOSEDLY EXTINCT VOLCANO ERUPTS AND VANISHES, **WONDER WOMAN**—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY—INVESTIGATES AND UNCOVERS THE FIRST CLUE IN A DIABOLICAL PLOT TO CONQUER AMERICA! FROM THEN ON THE FEARLESS AMAZON MAID BATTLES AGAINST DEATH FROM EVERY SHADOW AS SHE CHALLENGES THE ······

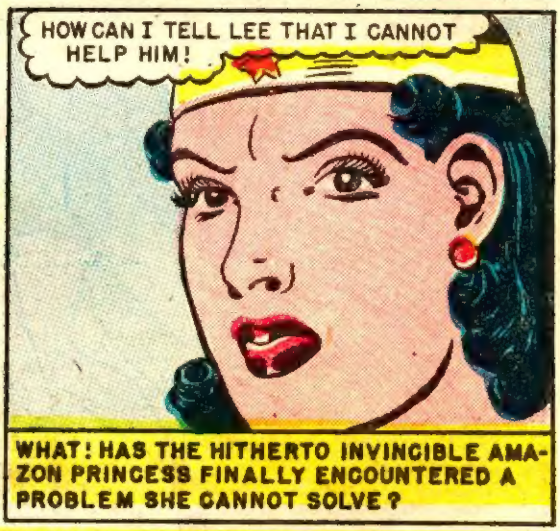
"MENACE OF THE MASTER SPY!"

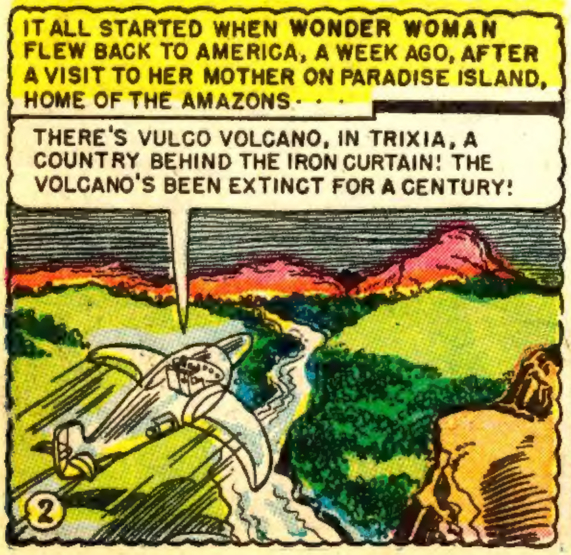


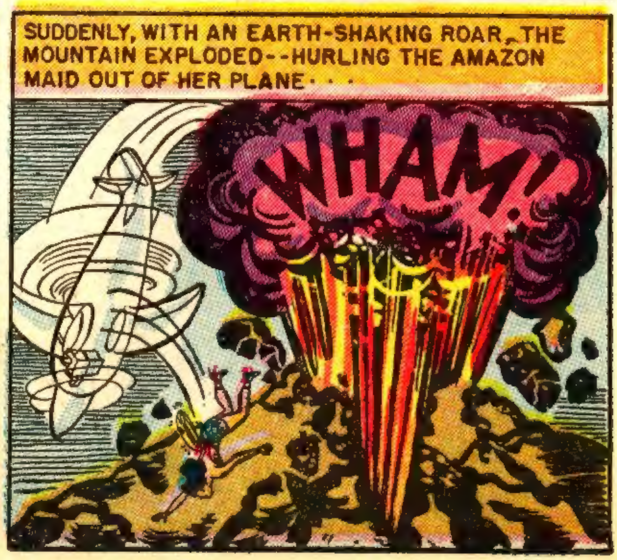

AT THE HOME OF GEN. DARNELL OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, HIS WIFE STARES SADLY AT HIS PHOTOGRAPH WHEN SUDDENLY · · ·
THEY'VE BEGUN STONING THE HOUSE---! I EXPECTED IT · · ·

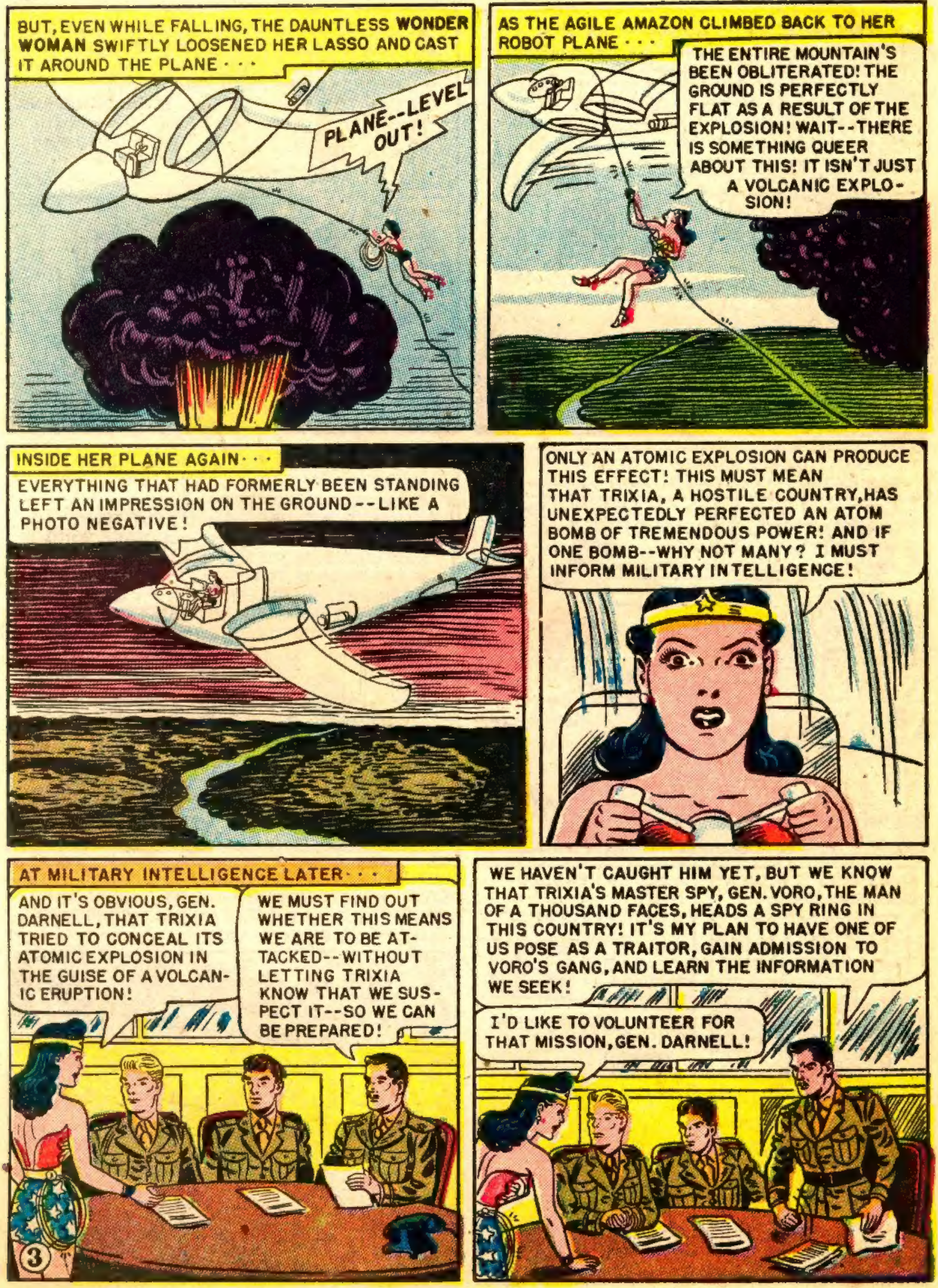

AND, ON A NEARBY STREET, GEN. DARNELL'S SON, LEE, LEARNS THAT THE TAUNTS OF HIS PLAYMATES HURT MORE THAN STONES · · ·
YOUR FATHER'S ANOTHER BENEDICT ARNOLD! A TRAITOR TO HIS COUNTRY!
I'LL MAKE YOU EAT THOSE WORDS IF I GET HOLD OF YOU!


SUDDENLY, A GENTLE VOICE COMFORTS THE GRIEVING BOY · · ·
NEVER MIND WHAT ANYONE ELSE SAYS ABOUT YOUR FATHER, LEE! ONLY WHAT YOU FEEL ABOUT HIM MATTERS!
WONDER WOMAN! ---BUT EVERYONE SAYS HE'S A TRAITOR! YOU CAN PROVE HE'S NOT! YOU CAN DO ANYTHING! HELP US, PLEASE!


HOW CAN I TELL LEE THAT I CANNOT HELP HIM!
WHAT! HAS THE HITHERTO INVINCIBLE AMAZON PRINCESS FINALLY ENCOUNTERED A PROBLEM SHE CANNOT SOLVE?


IT ALL STARTED WHEN WONDER WOMAN FLEW BACK TO AMERICA, A WEEK AGO, AFTER A VISIT TO HER MOTHER ON PARADISE ISLAND, HOME OF THE AMAZONS · · ·
THERE'S VULCO VOLCANO, IN TRIXIA, A COUNTRY BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN! THE VOLCANO'S BEEN EXTINCT FOR A CENTURY!


SUDDENLY, WITH AN EARTH-SHAKING ROAR, THE MOUNTAIN EXPLODED--HURLING THE AMAZON MAID OUT OF HER PLANE · · ·
WHAM!


BUT, EVEN WHILE FALLING, THE DAUNTLESS WONDER WOMAN SWIFTLY LOOSENED HER LASSO AND CAST IT AROUND THE PLANE · · ·
PLANE--LEVEL OUT!
AS THE AGILE AMAZON CLIMBED BACK TO HER ROBOT PLANE · · ·
THE ENTIRE MOUNTAIN'S BEEN OBLITERATED! THE GROUND IS PERFECTLY FLAT AS A RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION! WAIT--THERE IS SOMETHING QUEER ABOUT THIS! IT ISN'T JUST A VOLCANIC EXPLOSION!
INSIDE HER PLANE AGAIN · · ·
EVERYTHING THAT HAD FORMERLY BEEN STANDING LEFT AN IMPRESSION ON THE GROUND--LIKE A PHOTO NEGATIVE!
ONLY AN ATOMIC EXPLOSION CAN PRODUCE THIS EFFECT! THIS MUST MEAN THAT TRIXIA, A HOSTILE COUNTRY, HAS UNEXPECTEDLY PERFECTED AN ATOM BOMB OF TREMENDOUS POWER! AND IF ONE BOMB--WHY NOT MANY? I MUST INFORM MILITARY INTELLIGENCE!
AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE LATER · · ·
AND IT'S OBVIOUS, GEN. DARNELL, THAT TRIXIA TRIED TO CONCEAL ITS ATOMIC EXPLOSION IN THE GUISE OF A VOLCANIC ERUPTION!
WE MUST FIND OUT WHETHER THIS MEANS WE ARE TO BE ATTACKED--WITHOUT LETTING TRIXIA KNOW THAT WE SUSPECT IT--SO WE CAN BE PREPARED!
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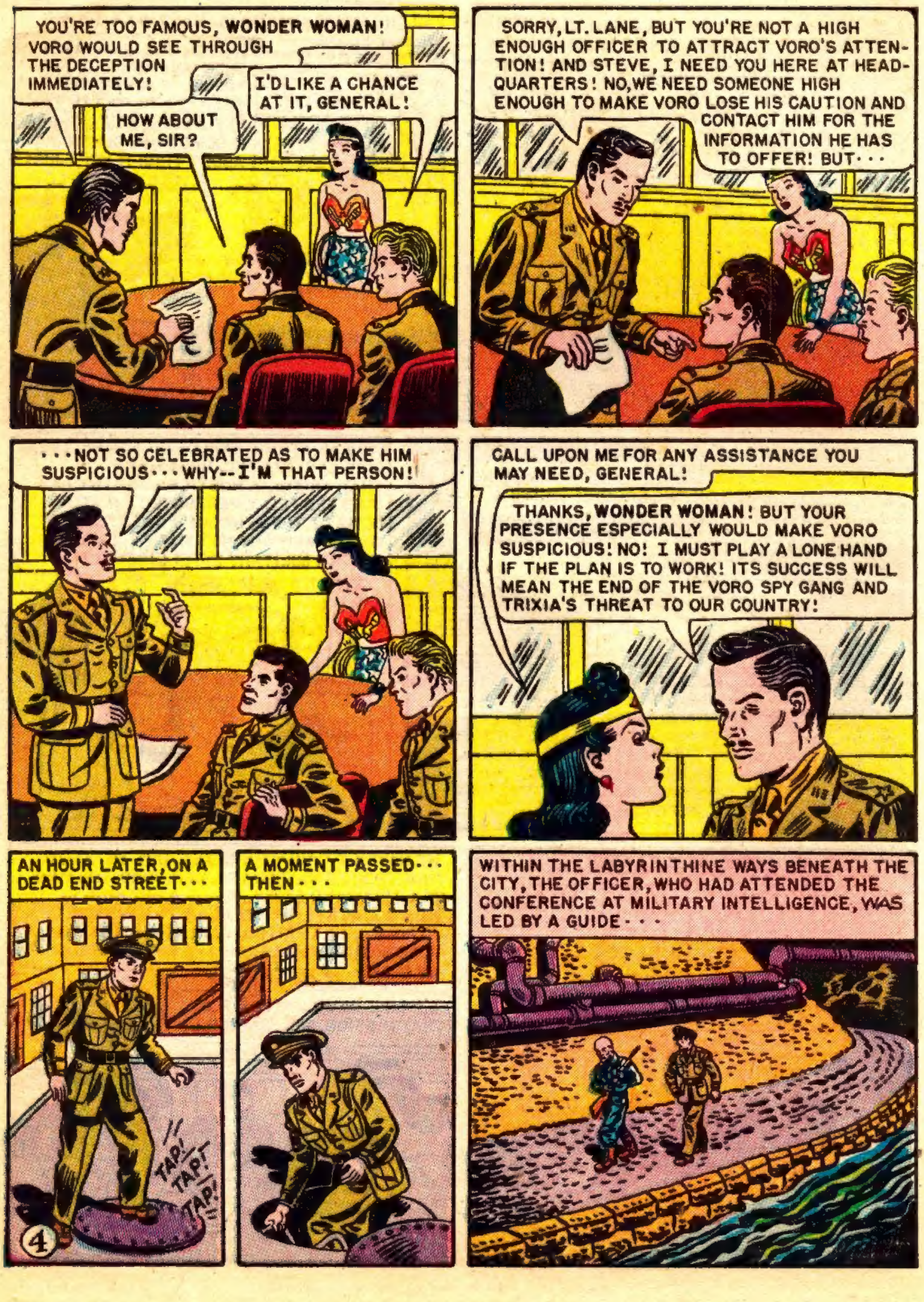
WE HAVEN'T CAUGHT HIM YET, BUT WE KNOW THAT TRIXIA'S MASTER SPY, GEN. VORO, THE MAN OF A THOUSAND FACES, HEADS A SPY RING IN THIS COUNTRY! IT'S MY PLAN TO HAVE ONE OF US POSE AS A TRAITOR, GAIN ADMISSION TO VORO'S GANG, AND LEARN THE INFORMATION WE SEEK!
I'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THAT MISSION, GEN. DARNELL!


YOU'RE TOO FAMOUS, WONDER WOMAN! VORO WOULD SEE THROUGH THE DECEPTION IMMEDIATELY!
HOW ABOUT ME, SIR?
I'D LIKE A CHANCE AT IT, GENERAL!
SORRY, LT. LANE, BUT YOU'RE NOT A HIGH ENOUGH OFFICER TO ATTRACT VORO'S ATTENTION! AND STEVE, I NEED YOU HERE AT HEADQUARTERS! NO, WE NEED SOMEONE HIGH ENOUGH TO MAKE VORO LOSE HIS CAUTION AND CONTACT HIM FOR THE INFORMATION HE HAS TO OFFER! BUT···
···NOT SO CELEBRATED AS TO MAKE HIM SUSPICIOUS···WHY--I'M THAT PERSON!
CALL UPON ME FOR ANY ASSISTANCE YOU MAY NEED, GENERAL!
THANKS, WONDER WOMAN! BUT YOUR PRESENCE ESPECIALLY WOULD MAKE VORO SUSPICIOUS! NO! I MUST PLAY A LONE HAND IF THE PLAN IS TO WORK! ITS SUCCESS WILL MEAN THE END OF THE VORO SPY GANG AND TRIXIA'S THREAT TO OUR COUNTRY!
AN HOUR LATER, ON A DEAD END STREET···
TAP! TAP! TAP!
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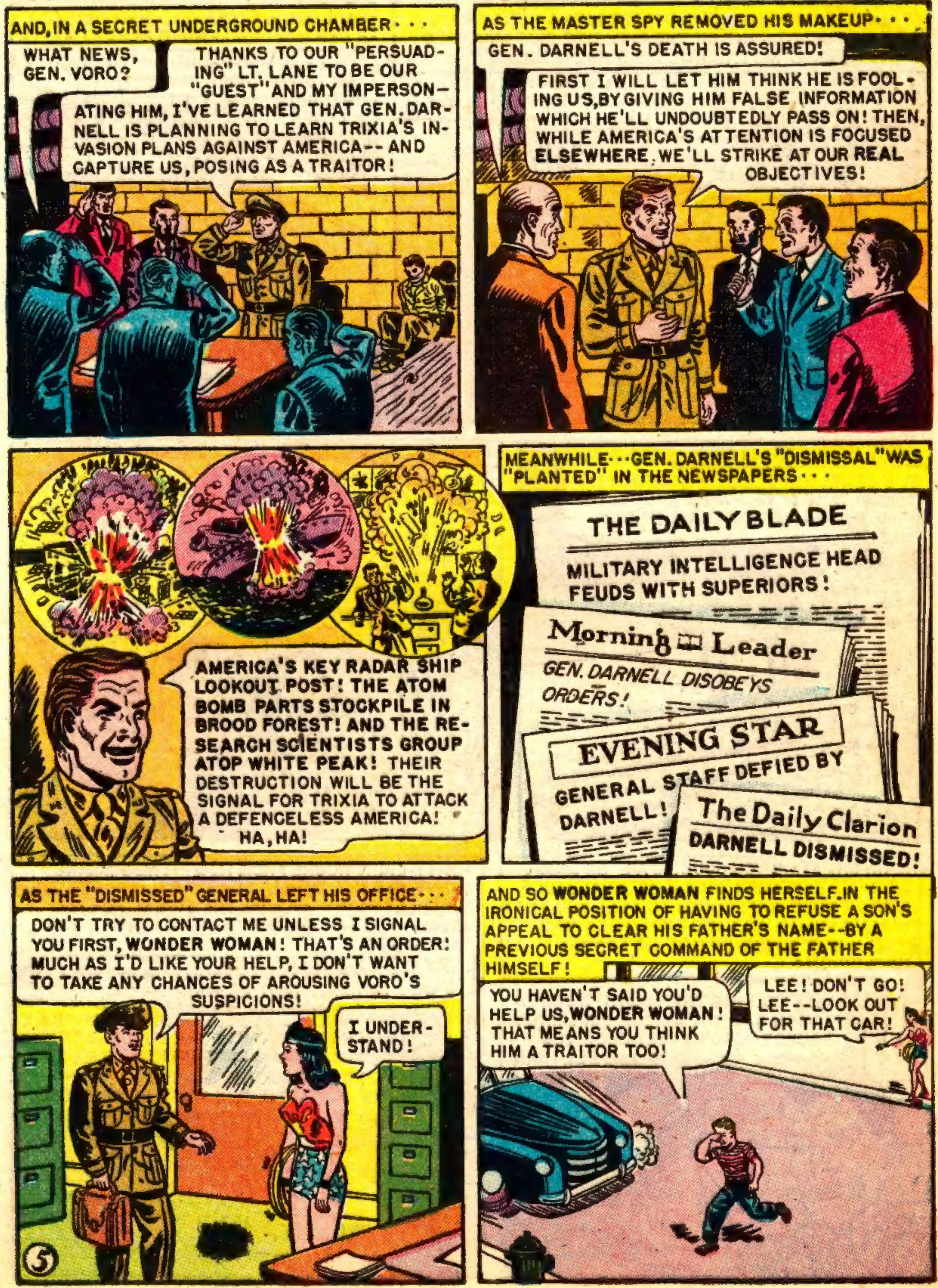
A MOMENT PASSED··· THEN···
WITHIN THE LABYRINTHINE WAYS BENEATH THE CITY, THE OFFICER, WHO HAD ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, WAS LED BY A GUIDE···


AND, IN A SECRET UNDERGROUND CHAMBER· · ·
WHAT NEWS, GEN. VORO?
THANKS TO OUR "PERSUADING" LT. LANE TO BE OUR "GUEST" AND MY IMPERSONATING HIM, I'VE LEARNED THAT GEN. DARNELL IS PLANNING TO LEARN TRIXIA'S INVASION PLANS AGAINST AMERICA-- AND CAPTURE US, POSING AS A TRAITOR!
AS THE MASTER SPY REMOVED HIS MAKEUP· · ·
GEN. DARNELL'S DEATH IS ASSURED!
FIRST I WILL LET HIM THINK HE IS FOOLING US, BY GIVING HIM FALSE INFORMATION WHICH HE'LL UNDOUBTEDLY PASS ON! THEN, WHILE AMERICA'S ATTENTION IS FOCUSED ELSEWHERE, WE'LL STRIKE AT OUR REAL OBJECTIVES!
AMERICA'S KEY RADAR SHIP LOOKOUT POST: THE ATOM BOMB PARTS STOCKPILE IN BROOD FOREST! AND THE RESEARCH SCIENTISTS GROUP ATOP WHITE PEAK! THEIR DESTRUCTION WILL BE THE SIGNAL FOR TRIXIA TO ATTACK A DEFENCELESS AMERICA! HA, HA!
MEANWHILE· · ·GEN. DARNELL'S "DISMISSAL" WAS "PLANTED" IN THE NEWSPAPERS· · ·
THE DAILY BLADE
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE HEAD FEUDS WITH SUPERIORS!
Morning Leader
GEN. DARNELL DISOBEYS ORDERS!
EVENING STAR
GENERAL STAFF DEFIED BY DARNELL!
The Daily Clarion
DARNELL DISMISSED!
AS THE "DISMISSED" GENERAL LEFT HIS OFFICE· · ·
DON'T TRY TO CONTACT ME UNLESS I SIGNAL YOU FIRST, WONDER WOMAN! THAT'S AN ORDER! MUCH AS I'D LIKE YOUR HELP, I DON'T WANT TO TAKE ANY CHANCES OF AROUSING VORO'S SUSPICIONS!
I UNDERSTAND!
AND SO WONDER WOMAN FINDS HERSELF IN THE IRONICAL POSITION OF HAVING TO REFUSE A SON'S APPEAL TO CLEAR HIS FATHER'S NAME--BY A PREVIOUS SECRET COMMAND OF THE FATHER HIMSELF!
YOU HAVEN'T SAID YOU'D HELP US, WONDER WOMAN! THAT MEANS YOU THINK HIM A TRAITOR TOO!
LEE! DON'T GO! LEE--LOOK OUT FOR THAT CAR!
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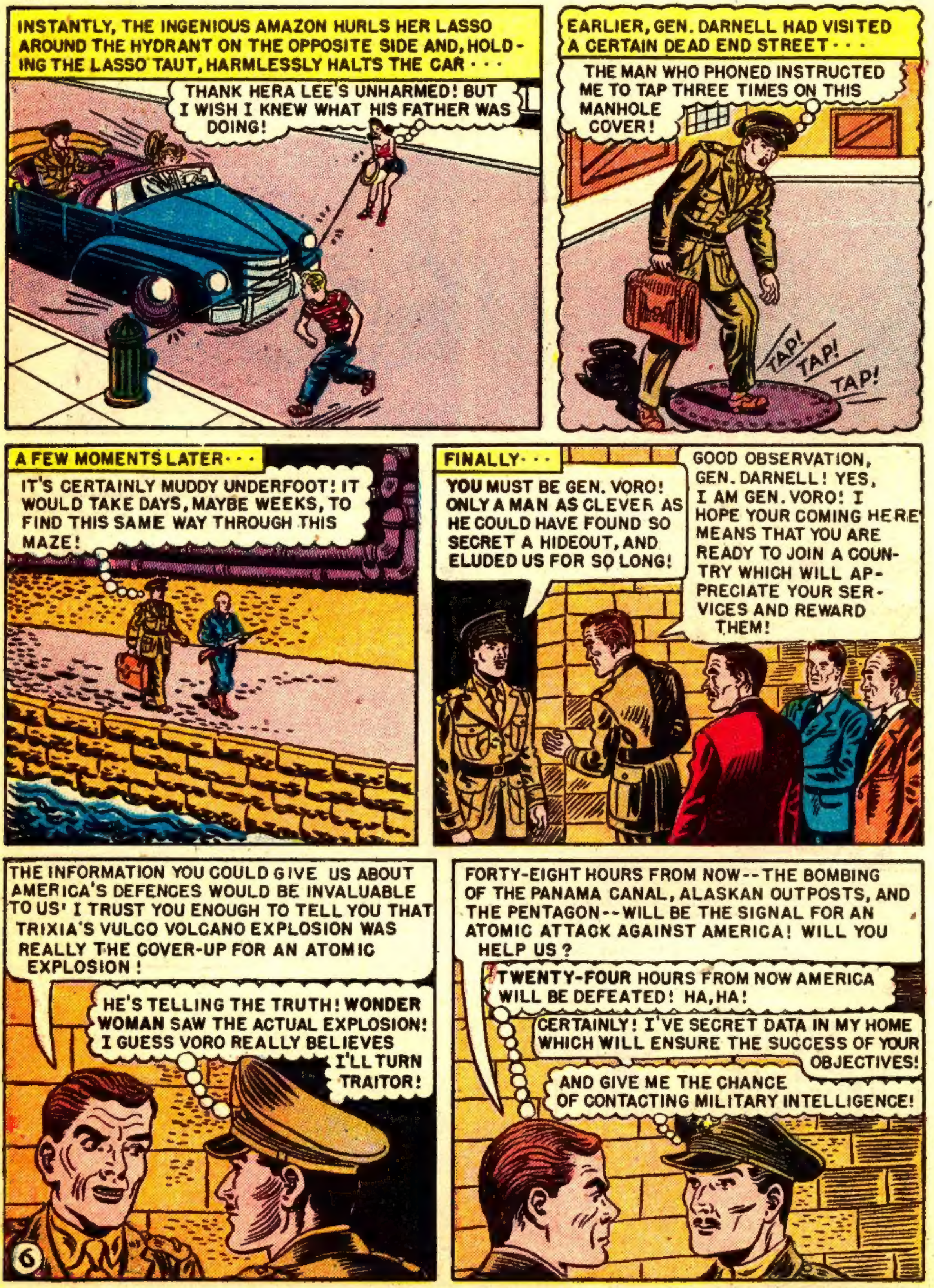
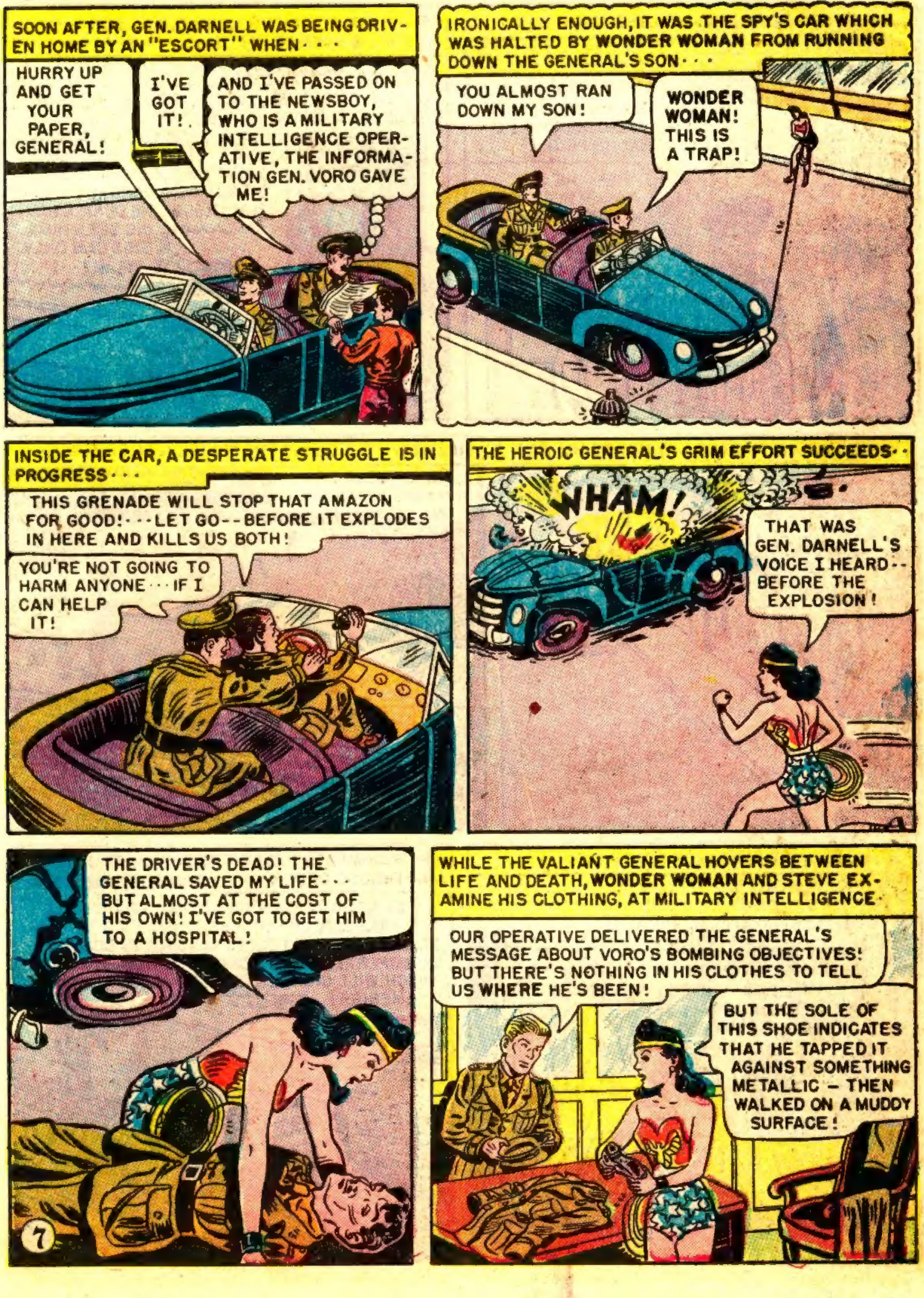
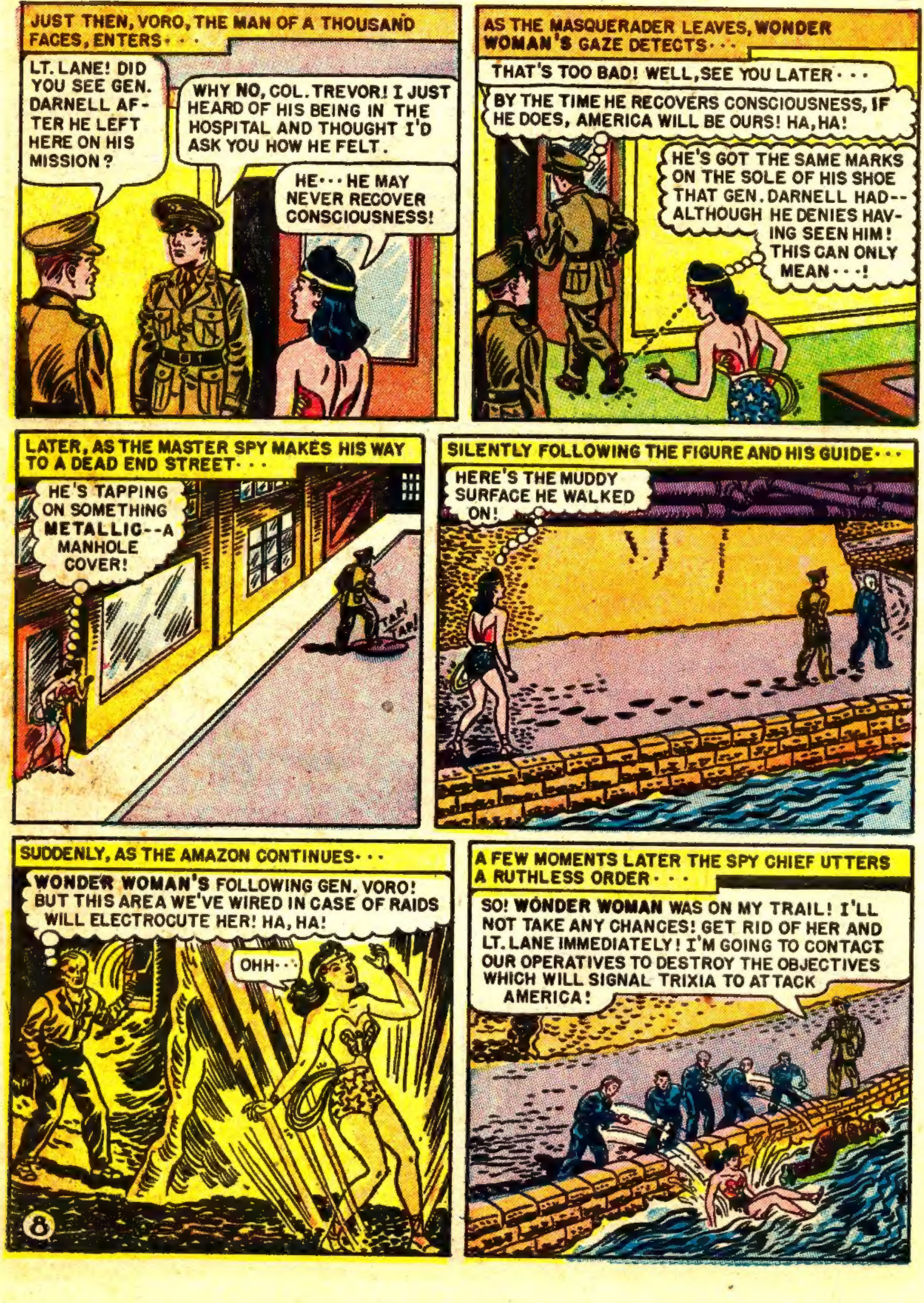
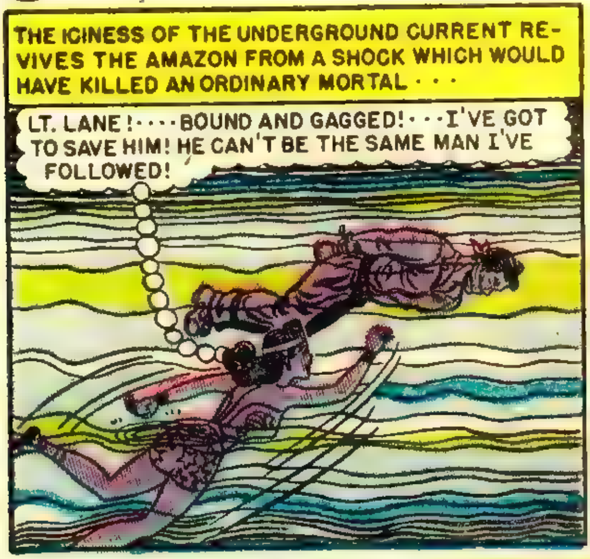
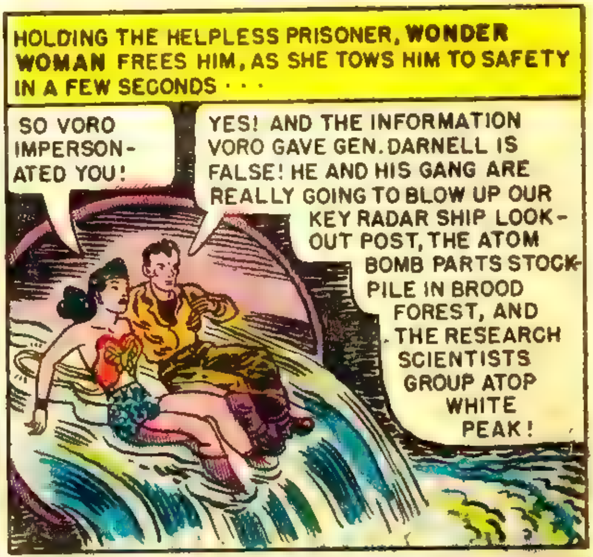

INSTANTLY, THE INGENIOUS AMAZON HURLS HER LASSO AROUND THE HYDRANT ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE AND, HOLDING THE LASSO TAUT, HARMLESSLY HALTS THE CAR . . .
THANK HERA LEE'S UNHARMED! BUT I WISH I KNEW WHAT HIS FATHER WAS DOING!
EARLIER, GEN. DARNELL HAD VISITED A CERTAIN DEAD END STREET . . .
THE MAN WHO PHONED INSTRUCTED ME TO TAP THREE TIMES ON THIS MANHOLE COVER!
TAP! TAP! TAP!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER . . .
IT'S CERTAINLY MUDDY UNDERFOOT! IT WOULD TAKE DAYS, MAYBE WEEKS, TO FIND THIS SAME WAY THROUGH THIS MAZE!
FINALLY . . .
YOU MUST BE GEN. VORO! ONLY A MAN AS CLEVER AS HE COULD HAVE FOUND SO SECRET A HIDEOUT, AND ELUDED US FOR SO LONG!
GOOD OBSERVATION, GEN. DARNELL! YES, I AM GEN. VORO! I HOPE YOUR COMING HERE MEANS THAT YOU ARE READY TO JOIN A COUNTRY WHICH WILL APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICES AND REWARD THEM!
THE INFORMATION YOU COULD GIVE US ABOUT AMERICA'S DEFENCES WOULD BE INVALUABLE TO US! I TRUST YOU ENOUGH TO TELL YOU THAT TRIXIA'S VULCO VOLCANO EXPLOSION WAS REALLY THE COVER-UP FOR AN ATOMIC EXPLOSION!
HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH! WONDER WOMAN SAW THE ACTUAL EXPLOSION! I GUESS VORO REALLY BELIEVES I'LL TURN TRAITOR!
FORTY-EIGHT HOURS FROM NOW--THE BOMBING OF THE PANAMA CANAL, ALASKAN OUTPOSTS, AND THE PENTAGON--WILL BE THE SIGNAL FOR AN ATOMIC ATTACK AGAINST AMERICA! WILL YOU HELP US?
TWENTY-FOUR HOURS FROM NOW AMERICA WILL BE DEFEATED! HA, HA!
CERTAINLY! I'VE SECRET DATA IN MY HOME WHICH WILL ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF YOUR OBJECTIVES!
AND GIVE ME THE CHANCE OF CONTACTING MILITARY INTELLIGENCE!


SOON AFTER, GEN. DARNELL WAS BEING DRIVEN HOME BY AN "ESCORT" WHEN · · ·
HURRY UP AND GET YOUR PAPER, GENERAL!
I'VE GOT IT!
AND I'VE PASSED ON TO THE NEWSBOY, WHO IS A MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVE, THE INFORMATION GEN. VORO GAVE ME!
IRONICALLY ENOUGH, IT WAS THE SPY'S CAR WHICH WAS HALTED BY WONDER WOMAN FROM RUNNING DOWN THE GENERAL'S SON · · ·
YOU ALMOST RAN DOWN MY SON!
WONDER WOMAN! THIS IS A TRAP!
INSIDE THE CAR, A DESPERATE STRUGGLE IS IN PROGRESS · · ·
THIS GRENADE WILL STOP THAT AMAZON FOR GOOD! · · LET GO -- BEFORE IT EXPLODES IN HERE AND KILLS US BOTH!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HARM ANYONE · · · IF I CAN HELP IT!
THE HEROIC GENERAL'S GRIM EFFORT SUCCEEDS · ·
WHAM!
THAT WAS GEN. DARNELL'S VOICE I HEARD -- BEFORE THE EXPLOSION!
THE DRIVER'S DEAD! THE GENERAL SAVED MY LIFE · · · BUT ALMOST AT THE COST OF HIS OWN! I'VE GOT TO GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL!
WHILE THE VALIANT GENERAL HOVERS BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH, WONDER WOMAN AND STEVE EXAMINE HIS CLOTHING, AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ·
OUR OPERATIVE DELIVERED THE GENERAL'S MESSAGE ABOUT VORO'S BOMBING OBJECTIVES! BUT THERE'S NOTHING IN HIS CLOTHES TO TELL US WHERE HE'S BEEN!
BUT THE SOLE OF THIS SHOE INDICATES THAT HE TAPPED IT AGAINST SOMETHING METALLIC -- THEN WALKED ON A MUDDY SURFACE!

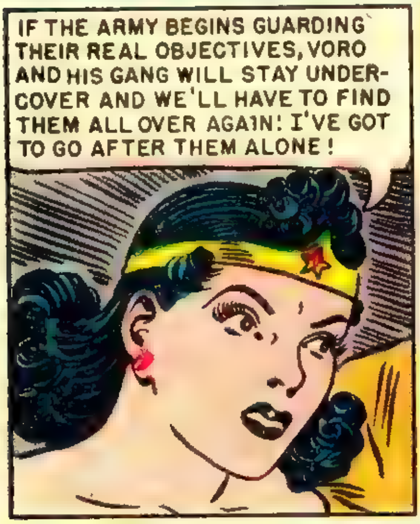

JUST THEN, VORO, THE MAN OF A THOUSAND FACES, ENTERS· · ·
LT. LANE! DID YOU SEE GEN. DARNELL AFTER HE LEFT HERE ON HIS MISSION ?
WHY NO, COL. TREVOR! I JUST HEARD OF HIS BEING IN THE HOSPITAL AND THOUGHT I'D ASK YOU HOW HE FELT .
HE· · · HE MAY NEVER RECOVER CONSCIOUSNESS!
AS THE MASQUERADER LEAVES, WONDER WOMAN'S GAZE DETECTS· · ·
THAT'S TOO BAD! WELL, SEE YOU LATER · · ·
BY THE TIME HE RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS, IF HE DOES, AMERICA WILL BE OURS! HA, HA!
HE'S GOT THE SAME MARKS ON THE SOLE OF HIS SHOE THAT GEN. DARNELL HAD-- ALTHOUGH HE DENIES HAVING SEEN HIM! THIS CAN ONLY MEAN· · ·!
LATER, AS THE MASTER SPY MAKES HIS WAY TO A DEAD END STREET· · ·
HE'S TAPPING ON SOMETHING METALLIC--A MANHOLE COVER!
TAP! TAP!
SILENTLY FOLLOWING THE FIGURE AND HIS GUIDE· · ·
HERE'S THE MUDDY SURFACE HE WALKED ON!
SUDDENLY, AS THE AMAZON CONTINUES· · ·
WONDER WOMAN'S FOLLOWING GEN. VORO! BUT THIS AREA WE'VE WIRED IN CASE OF RAIDS WILL ELECTROCUTE HER! HA, HA!
OHH· · ·
A FEW MOMENTS LATER THE SPY CHIEF UTTERS A RUTHLESS ORDER· · ·
SO! WONDER WOMAN WAS ON MY TRAIL! I'LL NOT TAKE ANY CHANCES! GET RID OF HER AND LT. LANE IMMEDIATELY! I'M GOING TO CONTACT OUR OPERATIVES TO DESTROY THE OBJECTIVES WHICH WILL SIGNAL TRIXIA TO ATTACK AMERICA!

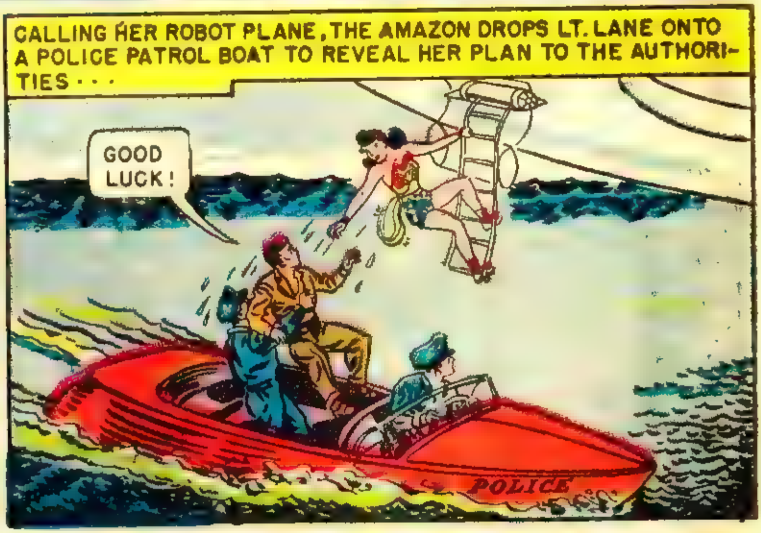

THE ICINESS OF THE UNDERGROUND CURRENT REVIVES THE AMAZON FROM A SHOCK WHICH WOULD HAVE KILLED AN ORDINARY MORTAL · · ·

LT. LANE! · · · · BOUND AND GAGGED! · · · I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM! HE CAN'T BE THE SAME MAN I'VE FOLLOWED!

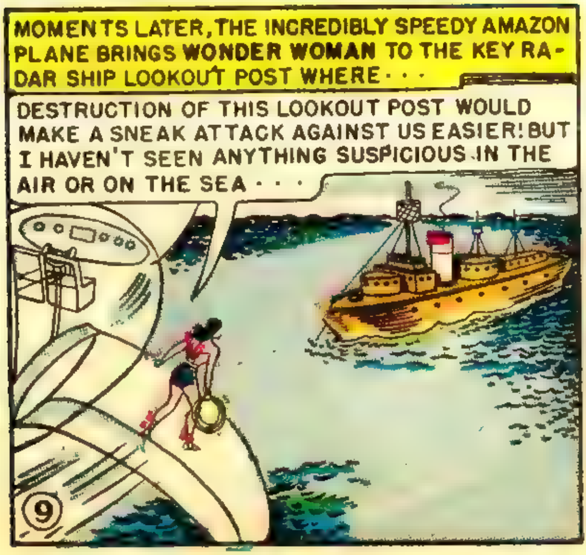

HOLDING THE HELPLESS PRISONER, **WONDER WOMAN** FREES HIM, AS SHE TOWS HIM TO SAFETY IN A FEW SECONDS · · ·

SO VORO IMPERSONATED YOU!
YES! AND THE INFORMATION VORO GAVE GEN. DARNELL IS FALSE! HE AND HIS GANG ARE REALLY GOING TO BLOW UP OUR KEY RADAR SHIP LOOKOUT POST, THE ATOM BOMB PARTS STOCKPILE IN BROOD FOREST, AND THE RESEARCH SCIENTISTS GROUP ATOP WHITE PEAK!

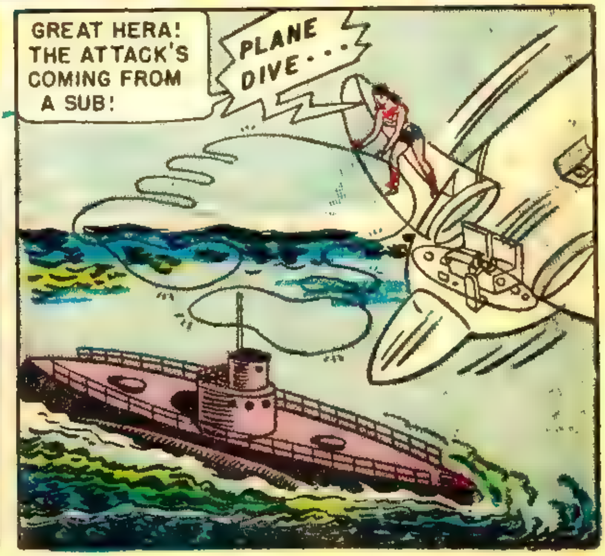

IF THE ARMY BEGINS GUARDING THEIR REAL OBJECTIVES, VORO AND HIS GANG WILL STAY UNDERCOVER AND WE'LL HAVE TO FIND THEM ALL OVER AGAIN! I'VE GOT TO GO AFTER THEM ALONE!

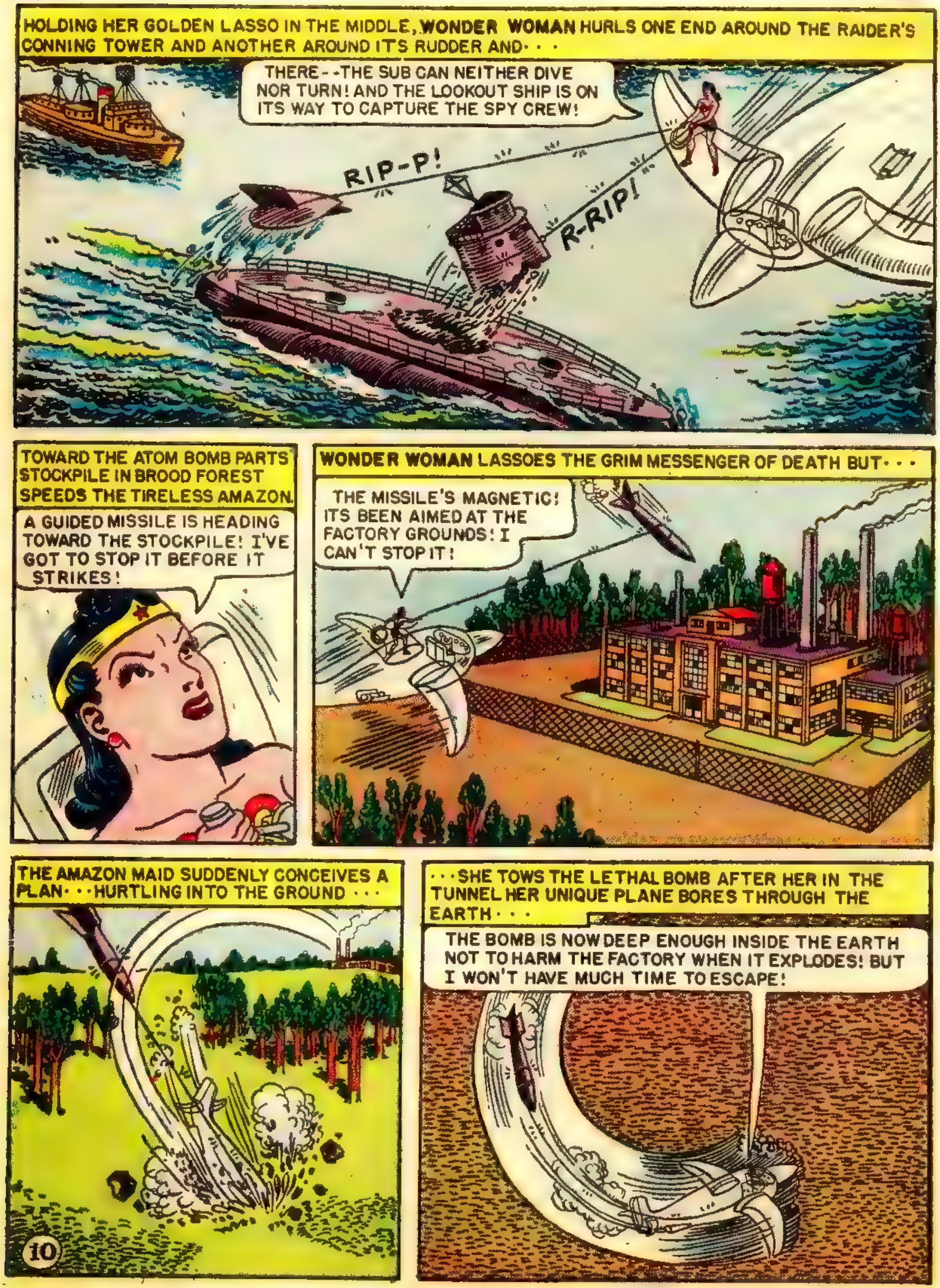

CALLING HER ROBOT PLANE, THE AMAZON DROPS LT. LANE ONTO A POLICE PATROL BOAT TO REVEAL HER PLAN TO THE AUTHORITIES · · ·

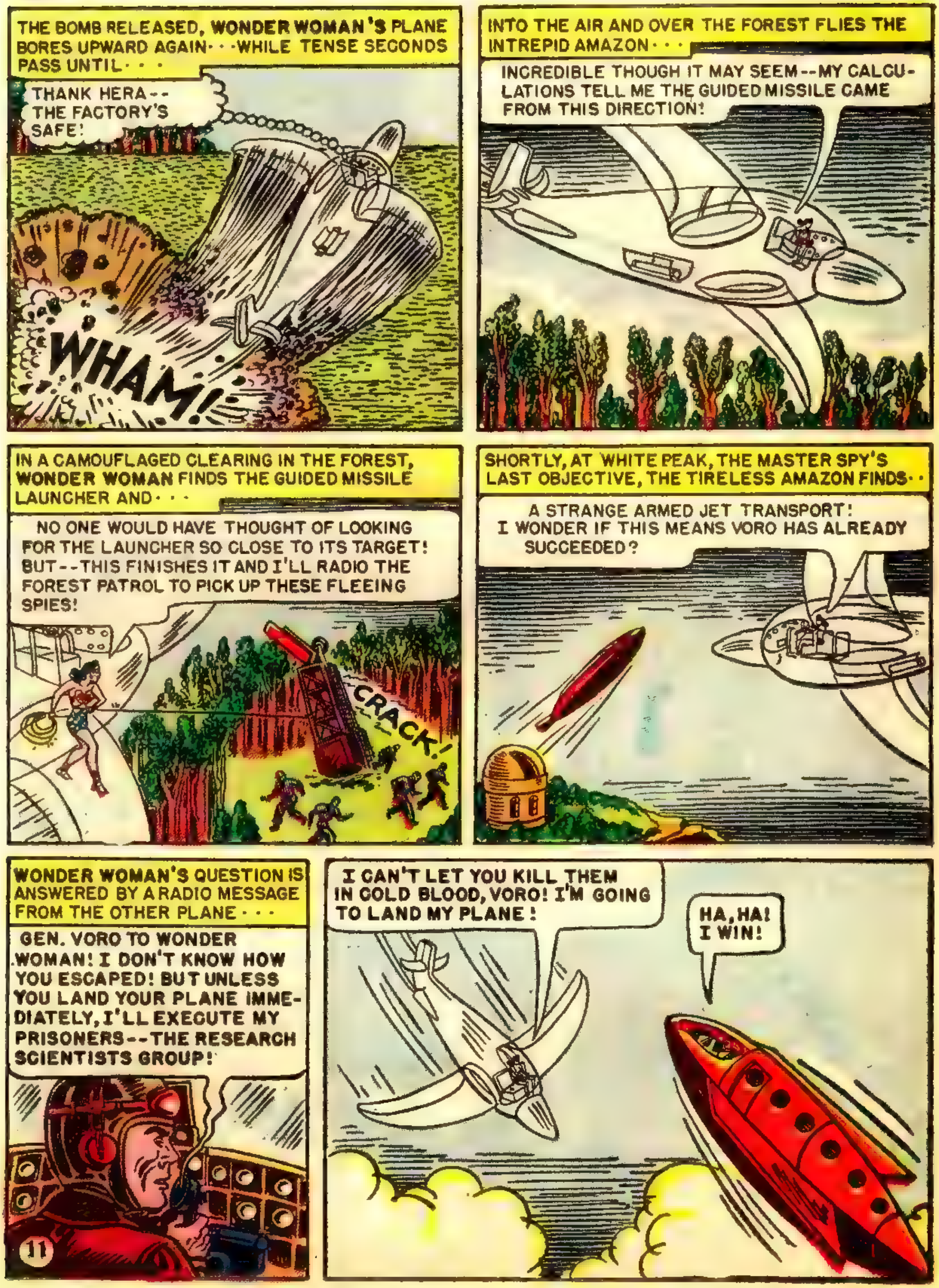
GOOD LUCK!
POLICE

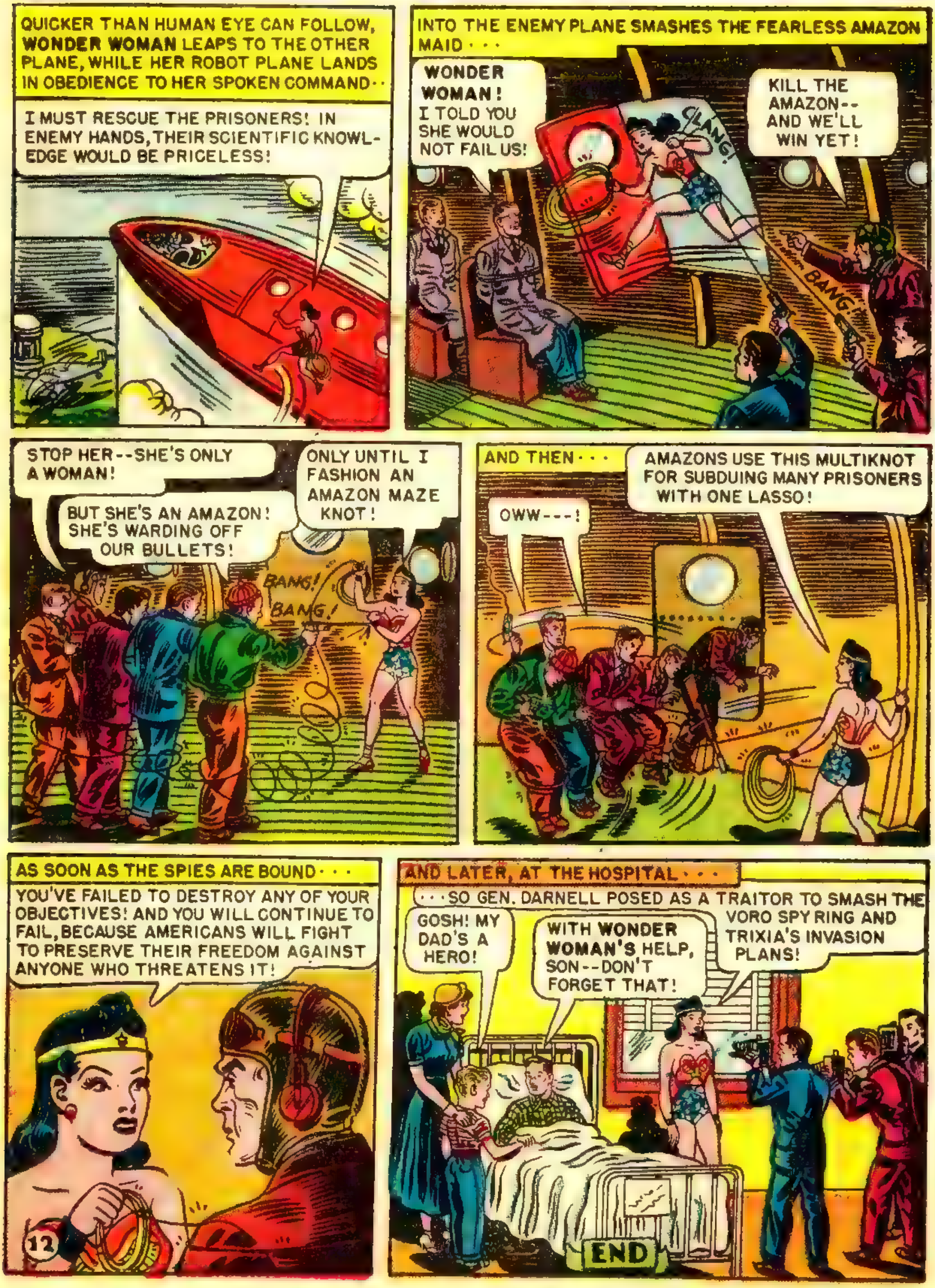

MOMENTS LATER, THE INCREDIBLY SPEEDY AMAZON PLANE BRINGS **WONDER WOMAN** TO THE KEY RADAR SHIP LOOKOUT POST WHERE · · ·

DESTRUCTION OF THIS LOOKOUT POST WOULD MAKE A SNEAK ATTACK AGAINST US EASIER! BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS IN THE AIR OR ON THE SEA · · ·


GREAT HERA! THE ATTACK'S COMING FROM A SUB!
PLANE DIVE · · ·


HOLDING HER GOLDEN LASSO IN THE MIDDLE, WONDER WOMAN HURLS ONE END AROUND THE RAIDER'S CONNING TOWER AND ANOTHER AROUND ITS RUDDER AND· · ·
THERE- -THE SUB CAN NEITHER DIVE NOR TURN! AND THE LOOKOUT SHIP IS ON ITS WAY TO CAPTURE THE SPY CREW!
RIP-P!
R-RIP!
TOWARD THE ATOM BOMB PARTS STOCKPILE IN BROOD FOREST SPEEDS THE TIRELESS AMAZON.
A GUIDED MISSILE IS HEADING TOWARD THE STOCKPILE! I'VE GOT TO STOP IT BEFORE IT STRIKES!
WONDER WOMAN LASSOES THE GRIM MESSENGER OF DEATH BUT· · ·
THE MISSILE'S MAGNETIC! ITS BEEN AIMED AT THE FACTORY GROUNDS! I CAN'T STOP IT!
THE AMAZON MAID SUDDENLY CONCEIVES A PLAN· · ·HURTLING INTO THE GROUND · · ·
· · ·SHE TOWS THE LETHAL BOMB AFTER HER IN THE TUNNEL HER UNIQUE PLANE BORES THROUGH THE EARTH· · ·
THE BOMB IS NOW DEEP ENOUGH INSIDE THE EARTH NOT TO HARM THE FACTORY WHEN IT EXPLODES! BUT I WON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO ESCAPE!


THE BOMB RELEASED, WONDER WOMAN'S PLANE BORES UPWARD AGAIN···WHILE TENSE SECONDS PASS UNTIL···
THANK HERA-- THE FACTORY'S SAFE!
WHAM!
INTO THE AIR AND OVER THE FOREST FLIES THE INTREPID AMAZON···
INCREDIBLE THOUGH IT MAY SEEM--MY CALCULATIONS TELL ME THE GUIDED MISSILE CAME FROM THIS DIRECTION!
IN A CAMOUFLAGED CLEARING IN THE FOREST, WONDER WOMAN FINDS THE GUIDED MISSILE LAUNCHER AND···
NO ONE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF LOOKING FOR THE LAUNCHER SO CLOSE TO ITS TARGET! BUT--THIS FINISHES IT AND I'LL RADIO THE FOREST PATROL TO PICK UP THESE FLEEING SPIES!
CRACK!
SHORTLY, AT WHITE PEAK, THE MASTER SPY'S LAST OBJECTIVE, THE TIRELESS AMAZON FINDS··
A STRANGE ARMED JET TRANSPORT! I WONDER IF THIS MEANS VORO HAS ALREADY SUCCEEDED?
WONDER WOMAN'S QUESTION IS ANSWERED BY A RADIO MESSAGE FROM THE OTHER PLANE···
GEN. VORO TO WONDER WOMAN! I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU ESCAPED! BUT UNLESS YOU LAND YOUR PLANE IMMEDIATELY, I'LL EXECUTE MY PRISONERS--THE RESEARCH SCIENTISTS GROUP!
I CAN'T LET YOU KILL THEM IN COLD BLOOD, VORO! I'M GOING TO LAND MY PLANE!
HA, HA! I WIN!


QUICKER THAN HUMAN EYE CAN FOLLOW, **WONDER WOMAN** LEAPS TO THE OTHER PLANE, WHILE HER ROBOT PLANE LANDS IN OBEDIENCE TO HER SPOKEN COMMAND··
I MUST RESCUE THE PRISONERS! IN ENEMY HANDS, THEIR SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE WOULD BE PRICELESS!
INTO THE ENEMY PLANE SMASHES THE FEARLESS AMAZON MAID···
WONDER WOMAN! I TOLD YOU SHE WOULD NOT FAIL US!
CLANG!
KILL THE AMAZON-- AND WE'LL WIN YET!
BANG!
STOP HER--SHE'S ONLY A WOMAN!
BUT SHE'S AN AMAZON! SHE'S WARDING OFF OUR BULLETS!
ONLY UNTIL I FASHION AN AMAZON MAZE KNOT!
BANG!
BANG!
AND THEN···
AMAZONS USE THIS MULTIKNOT FOR SUBDUING MANY PRISONERS WITH ONE LASSO!
OWW---!
AS SOON AS THE SPIES ARE BOUND···
YOU'VE FAILED TO DESTROY ANY OF YOUR OBJECTIVES! AND YOU WILL CONTINUE TO FAIL, BECAUSE AMERICANS WILL FIGHT TO PRESERVE THEIR FREEDOM AGAINST ANYONE WHO THREATENS IT!
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AND LATER, AT THE HOSPITAL···
···SO GEN. DARNELL POSED AS A TRAITOR TO SMASH THE VORO SPY RING AND TRIXIA'S INVASION PLANS!
GOSH! MY DAD'S A HERO!
WITH **WONDER WOMAN'S** HELP, SON--DON'T FORGET THAT!
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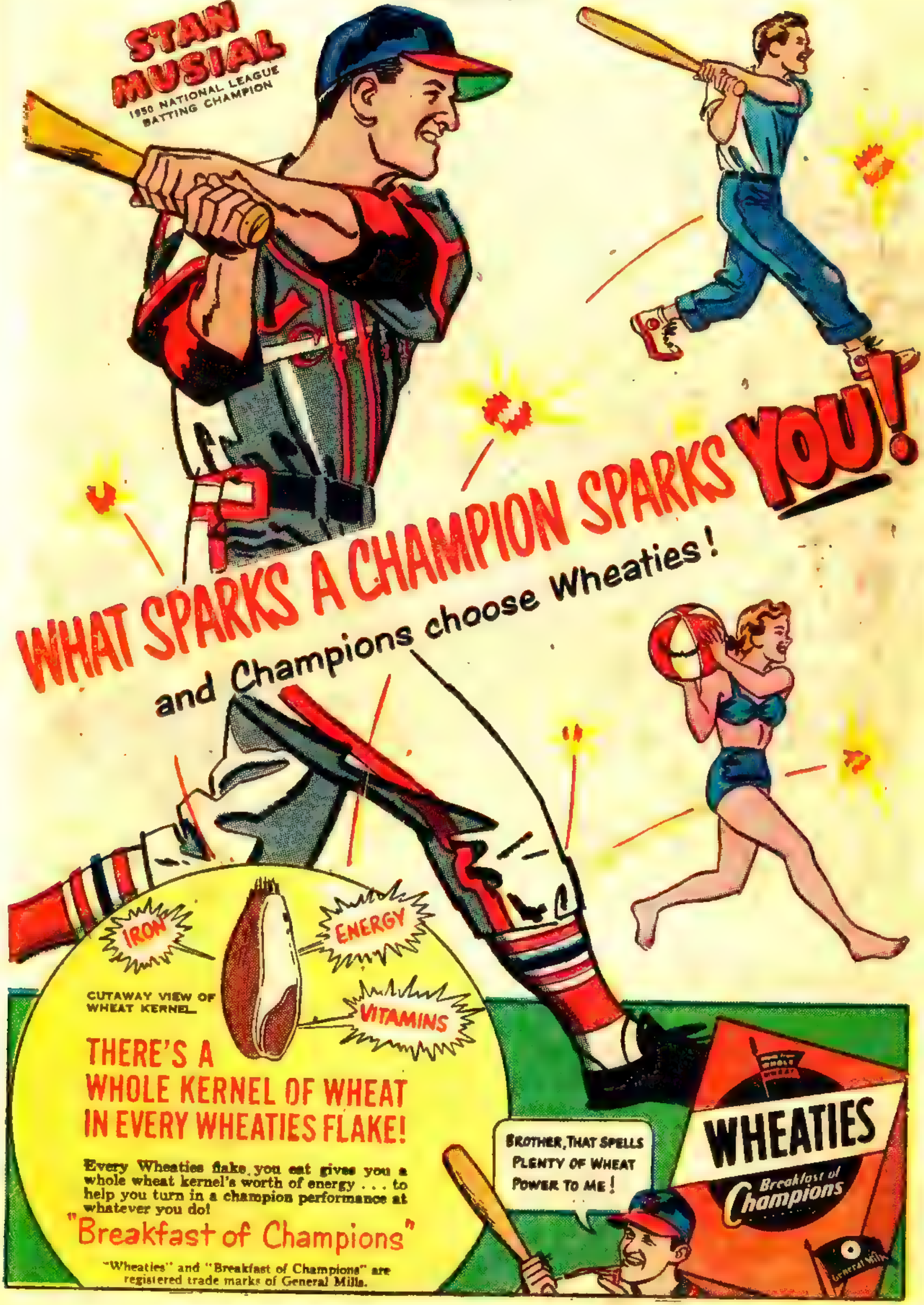
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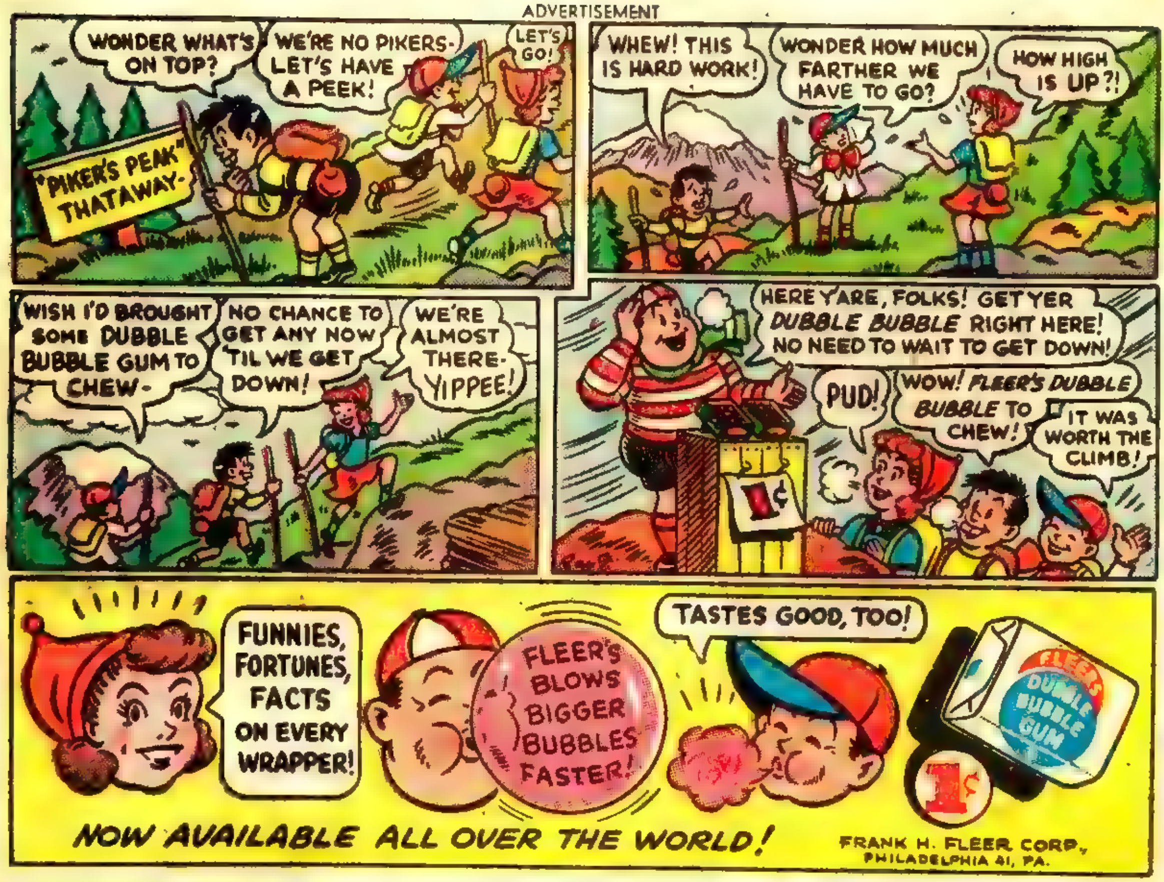
WONDER WHAT'S ON TOP?
WE'RE NO PIKERS- LET'S HAVE A PEEK!
LET'S GO!
"PIKER'S PEAK" THATAWAY-
WHEW! THIS IS HARD WORK!
WONDER HOW MUCH FARTHER WE HAVE TO GO?
HOW HIGH IS UP?!
WISH I'D BROUGHT SOME DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM TO CHEW-
NO CHANCE TO GET ANY NOW 'TIL WE GET DOWN!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE- YIPPEE!
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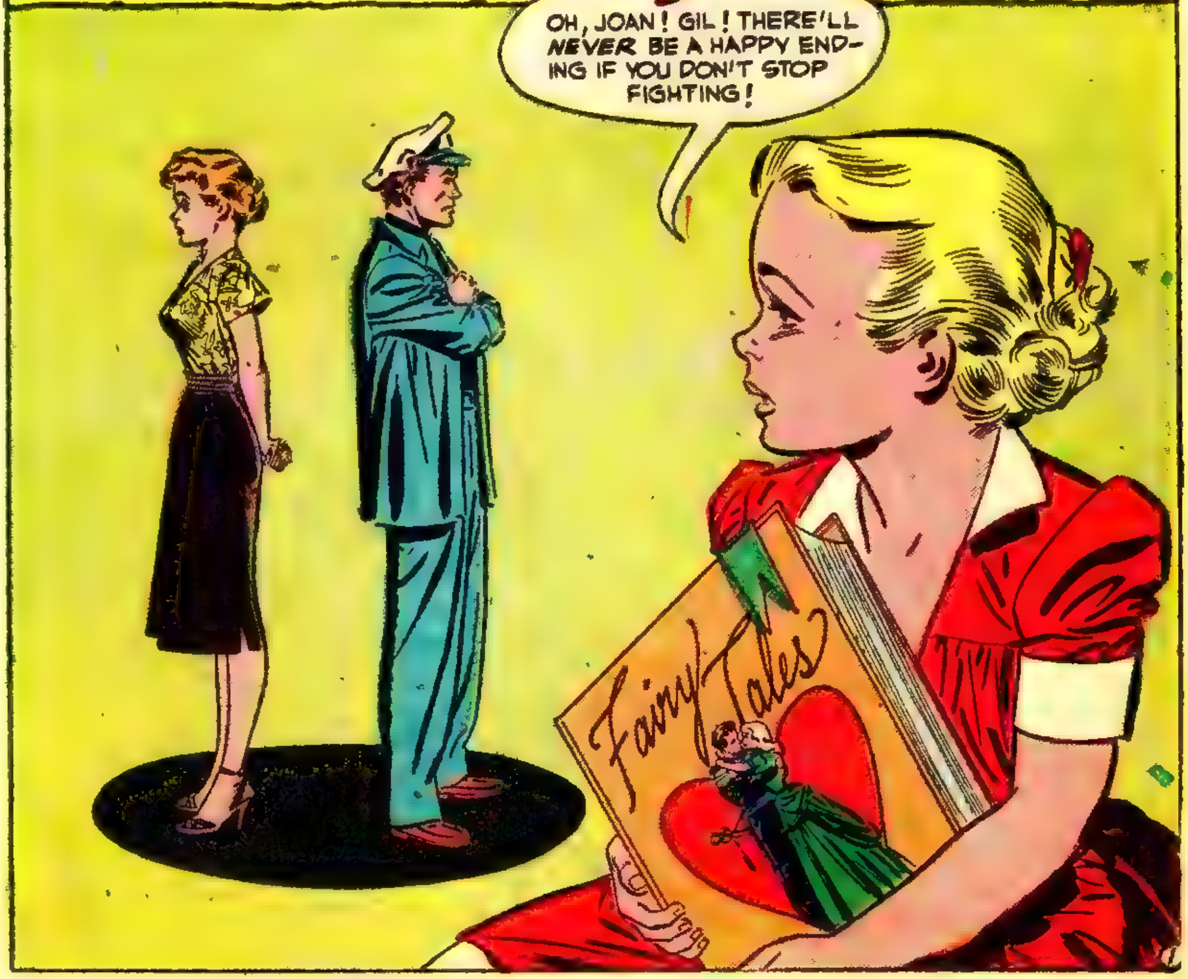
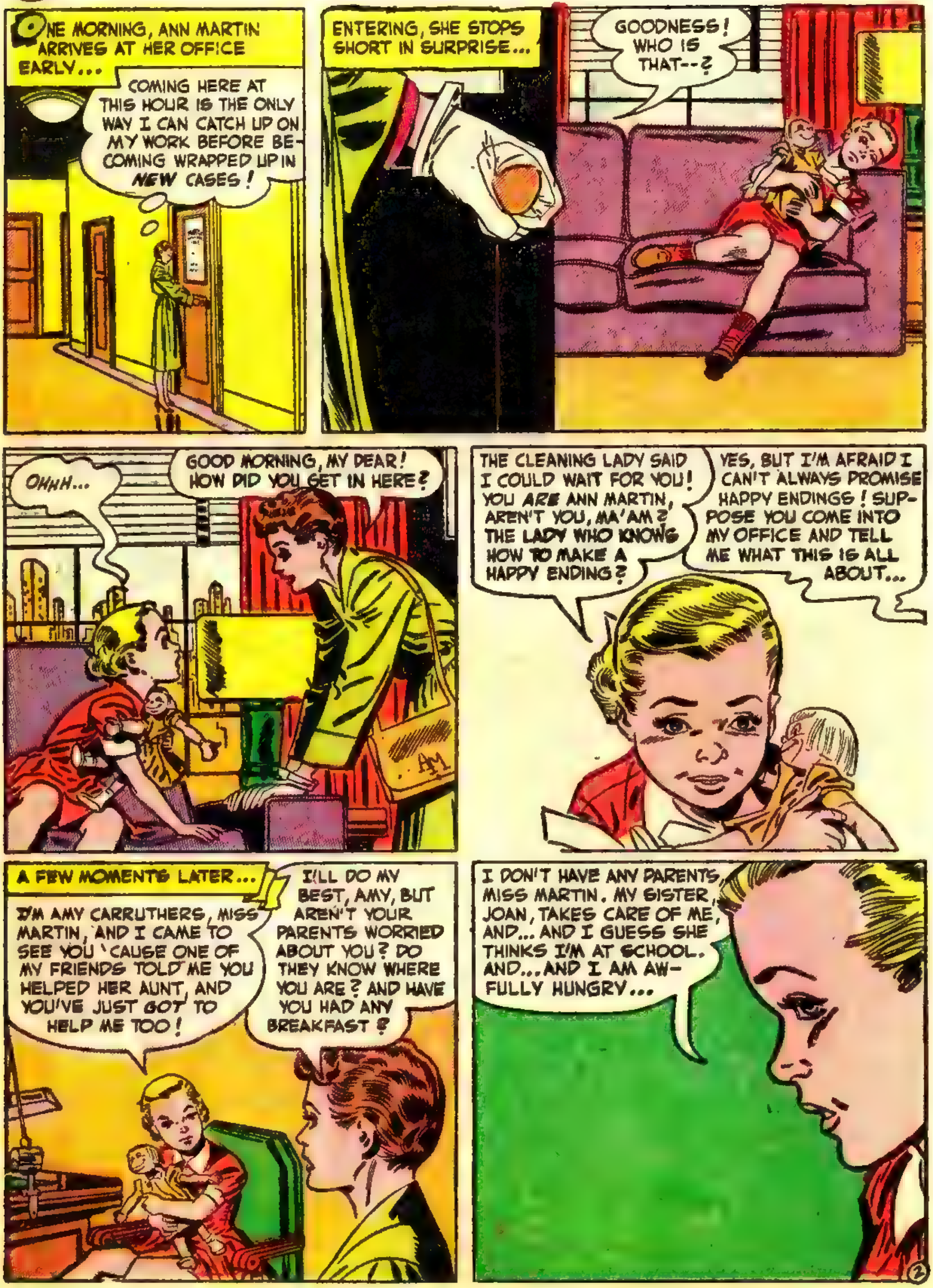
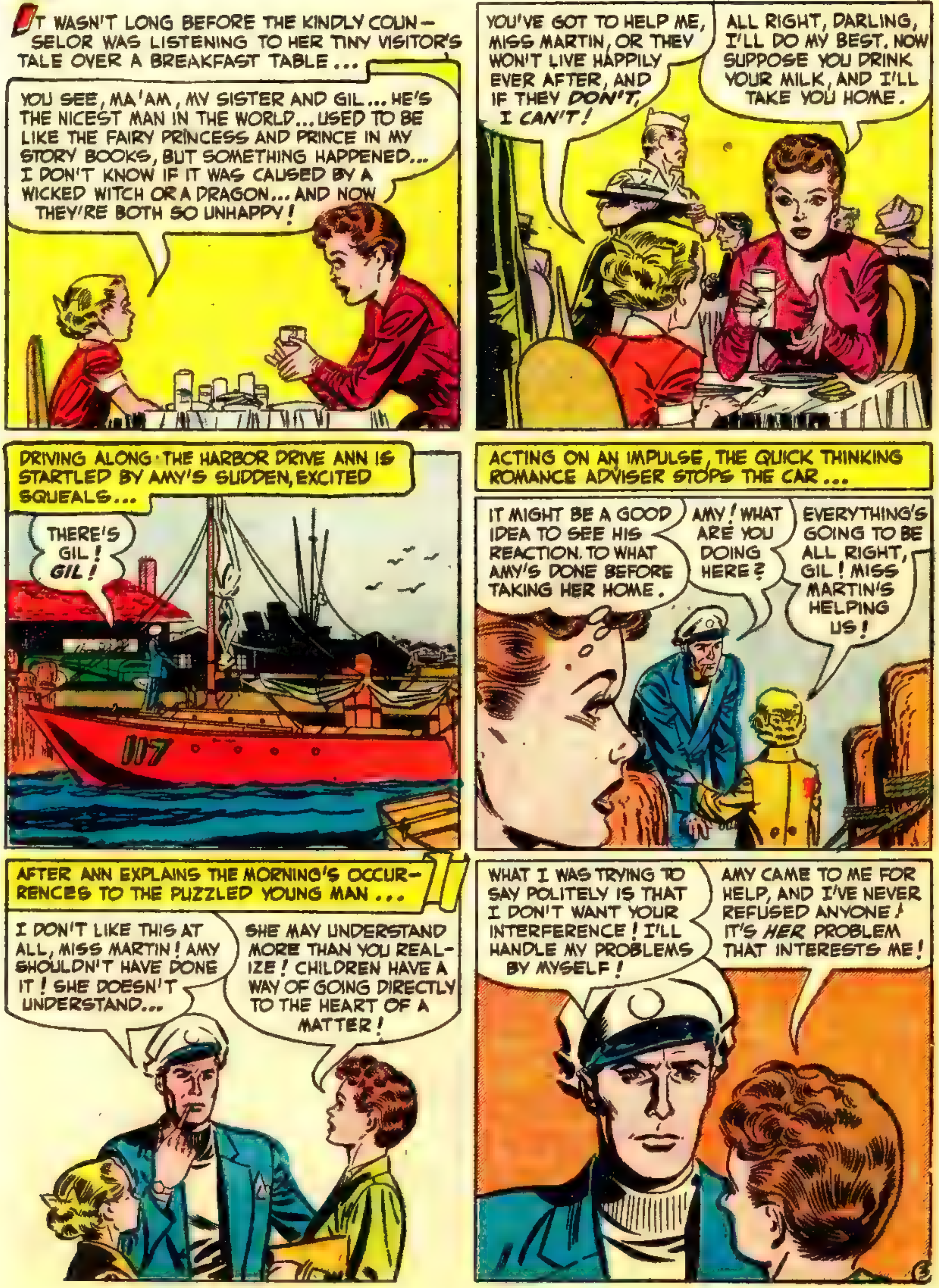

OH, JOAN! GIL! THERE'LL *NEVER* BE A HAPPY ENDING IF YOU DON'T STOP FIGHTING!
Fairy Tales


ONE MORNING, ANN MARTIN ARRIVES AT HER OFFICE EARLY...
COMING HERE AT THIS HOUR IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN CATCH UP ON MY WORK BEFORE BECOMING WRAPPED UP IN *NEW* CASES!
ENTERING, SHE STOPS SHORT IN SURPRISE...
GOODNESS! WHO IS THAT--?
OHHH...
GOOD MORNING, MY DEAR! HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?
AM
THE CLEANING LADY SAID I COULD WAIT FOR YOU! YOU *ARE* ANN MARTIN, AREN'T YOU, MA'AM? THE LADY WHO KNOWS HOW TO MAKE A HAPPY ENDING?
YES, BUT I'M AFRAID I CAN'T ALWAYS PROMISE HAPPY ENDINGS! SUPPOSE YOU COME INTO MY OFFICE AND TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT...
A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
I'M AMY CARRUTHERS, MISS MARTIN, AND I CAME TO SEE YOU 'CAUSE ONE OF MY FRIENDS TOLD ME YOU HELPED HER AUNT, AND YOU'VE JUST *GOT* TO HELP ME TOO!
I'LL DO MY BEST, AMY, BUT AREN'T YOUR PARENTS WORRIED ABOUT YOU? DO THEY KNOW WHERE YOU ARE? AND HAVE YOU HAD ANY BREAKFAST?
I DON'T HAVE ANY PARENTS, MISS MARTIN. MY SISTER, JOAN, TAKES CARE OF ME, AND... AND I GUESS SHE THINKS I'M AT SCHOOL. AND... AND I AM AWFULLY HUNGRY...


IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THE KINDLY COUNSELOR WAS LISTENING TO HER TINY VISITOR'S TALE OVER A BREAKFAST TABLE...
YOU SEE, MA'AM, MY SISTER AND GIL... HE'S THE NICEST MAN IN THE WORLD... USED TO BE LIKE THE FAIRY PRINCESS AND PRINCE IN MY STORY BOOKS, BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED... I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS CAUSED BY A WICKED WITCH OR A DRAGON... AND NOW THEY'RE BOTH SO UNHAPPY!
YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME, MISS MARTIN, OR THEY WON'T LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER, AND IF THEY *DON'T*, I *CAN'T*!
ALL RIGHT, DARLING, I'LL DO MY BEST. NOW SUPPOSE YOU DRINK YOUR MILK, AND I'LL TAKE YOU HOME.
DRIVING ALONG THE HARBOR DRIVE ANN IS STARTLED BY AMY'S SUDDEN, EXCITED SQUEALS...
THERE'S GIL! *GIL*!
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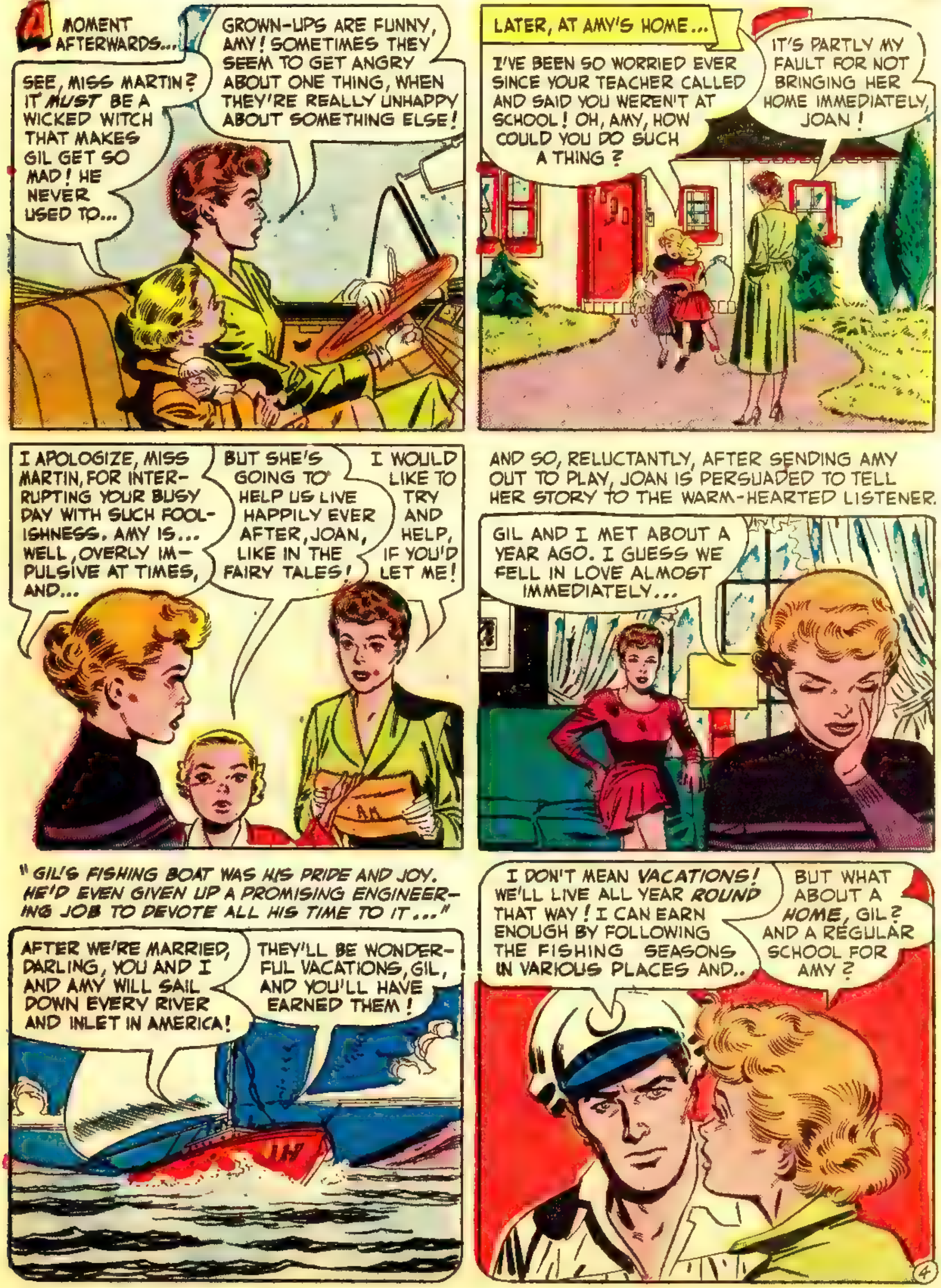
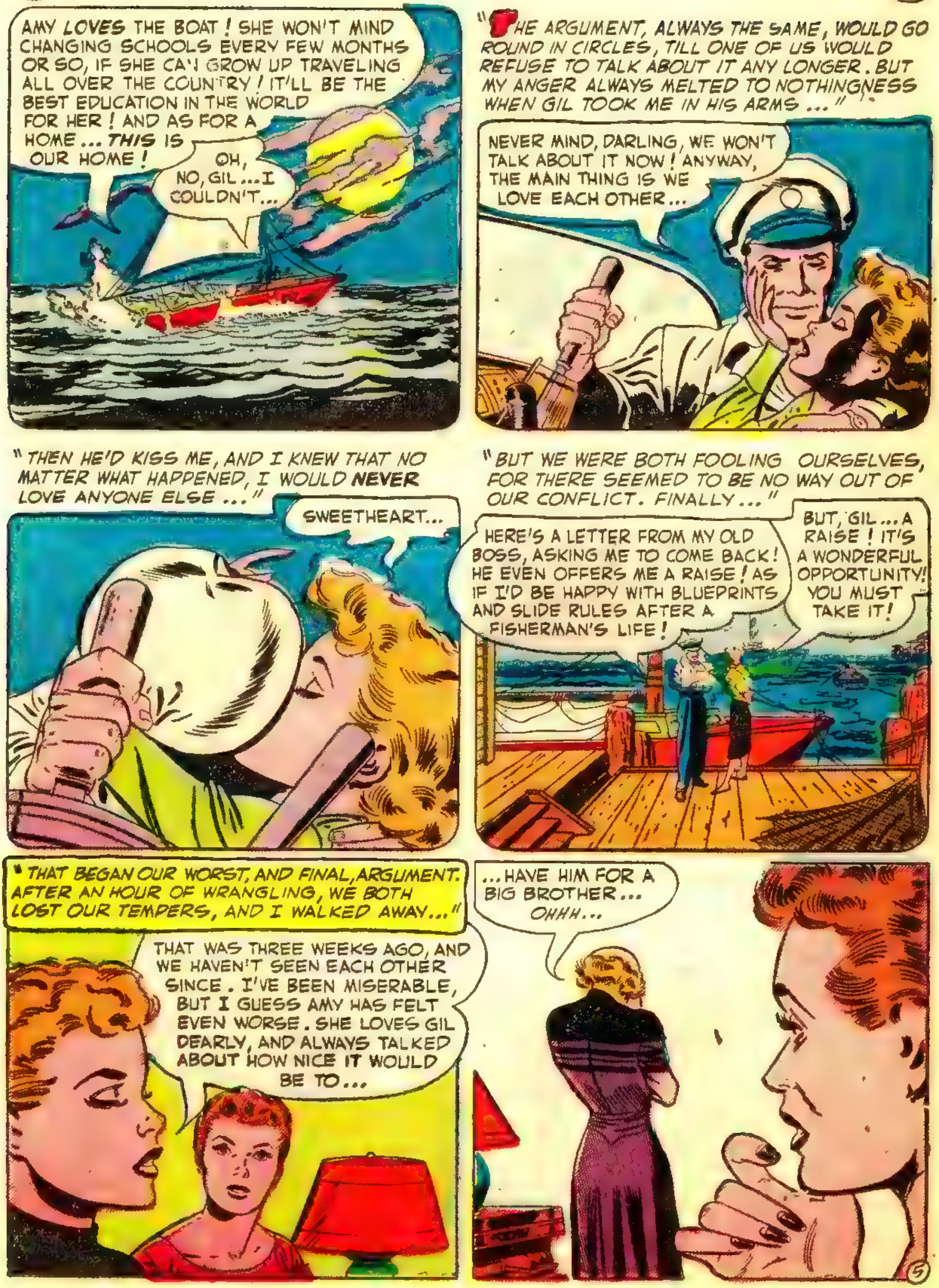
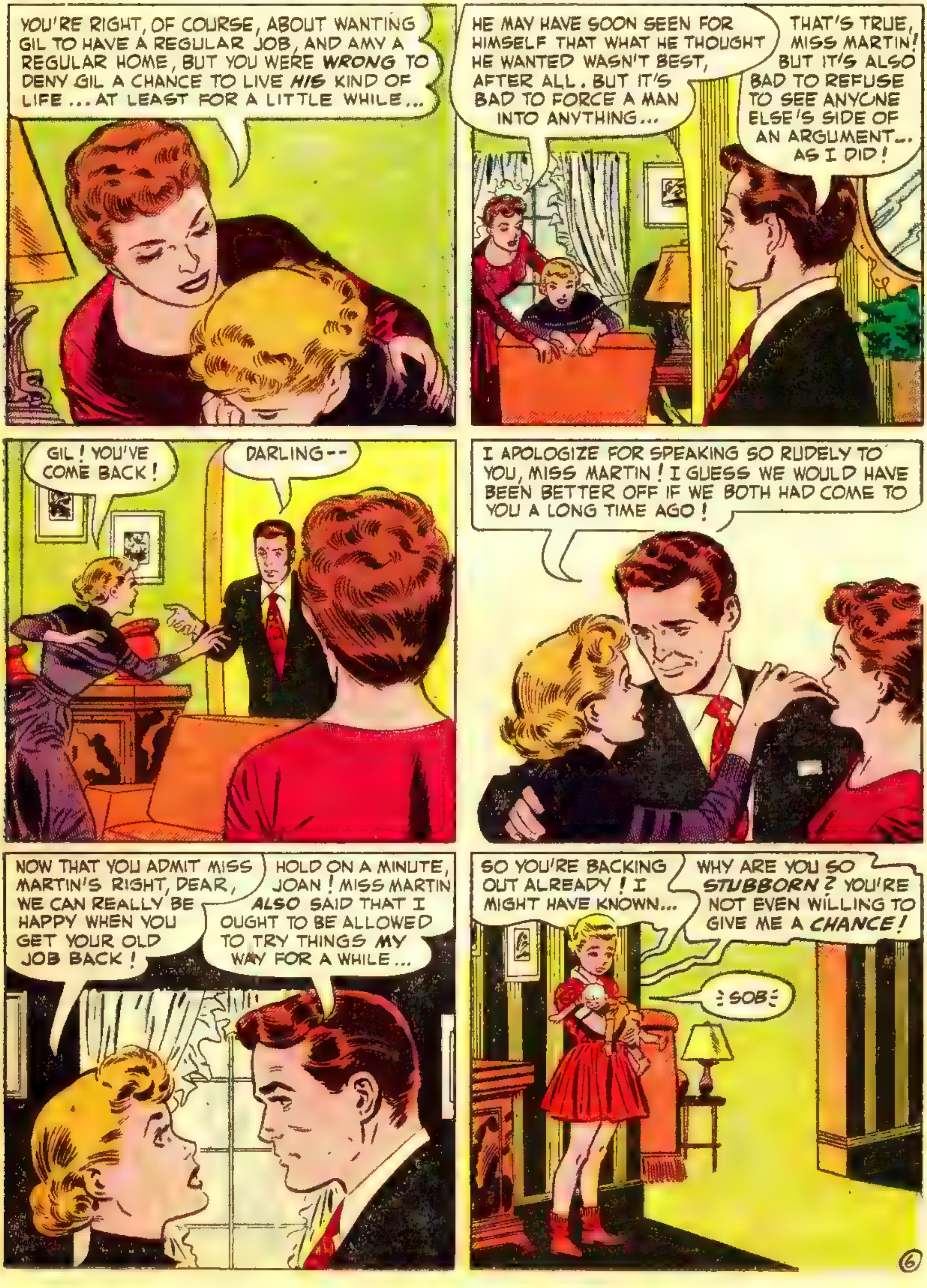
ACTING ON AN IMPULSE, THE QUICK THINKING ROMANCE ADVISER STOPS THE CAR...
IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO SEE HIS REACTION TO WHAT AMY'S DONE BEFORE TAKING HER HOME.
AMY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT, GIL! MISS MARTIN'S HELPING US!
AFTER ANN EXPLAINS THE MORNING'S OCCURRENCES TO THE PUZZLED YOUNG MAN...
I DON'T LIKE THIS AT ALL, MISS MARTIN! AMY SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT! SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND...
SHE MAY UNDERSTAND MORE THAN YOU REALIZE! CHILDREN HAVE A WAY OF GOING DIRECTLY TO THE HEART OF A MATTER!
WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY POLITELY IS THAT I DON'T WANT YOUR INTERFERENCE! I'LL HANDLE MY PROBLEMS BY MYSELF!
AMY CAME TO ME FOR HELP, AND I'VE NEVER REFUSED ANYONE! IT'S *HER* PROBLEM THAT INTERESTS ME!


A MOMENT AFTERWARDS...
SEE, MISS MARTIN? IT *MUST* BE A WICKED WITCH THAT MAKES GIL GET SO MAD! HE NEVER USED TO...
GROWN-UPS ARE FUNNY, AMY! SOMETIMES THEY SEEM TO GET ANGRY ABOUT ONE THING, WHEN THEY'RE REALLY UNHAPPY ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE!
LATER, AT AMY'S HOME...
I'VE BEEN SO WORRIED EVER SINCE YOUR TEACHER CALLED AND SAID YOU WEREN'T AT SCHOOL! OH, AMY, HOW COULD YOU DO SUCH A THING?
IT'S PARTLY MY FAULT FOR NOT BRINGING HER HOME IMMEDIATELY, JOAN!
I APOLOGIZE, MISS MARTIN, FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR BUSY DAY WITH SUCH FOOLISHNESS. AMY IS... WELL, OVERLY IMPULSIVE AT TIMES, AND...
BUT SHE'S GOING TO HELP US LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER, JOAN, LIKE IN THE FAIRY TALES!
I WOULD LIKE TO TRY AND HELP, IF YOU'D LET ME!
AND SO, RELUCTANTLY, AFTER SENDING AMY OUT TO PLAY, JOAN IS PERSUADED TO TELL HER STORY TO THE WARM-HEARTED LISTENER.
GIL AND I MET ABOUT A YEAR AGO. I GUESS WE FELL IN LOVE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY...
"*GIL'S FISHING BOAT WAS HIS PRIDE AND JOY. HE'D EVEN GIVEN UP A PROMISING ENGINEERING JOB TO DEVOTE ALL HIS TIME TO IT...*"
AFTER WE'RE MARRIED, DARLING, YOU AND I AND AMY WILL SAIL DOWN EVERY RIVER AND INLET IN AMERICA!
THEY'LL BE WONDERFUL VACATIONS, GIL, AND YOU'LL HAVE EARNED THEM!
I DON'T MEAN *VACATIONS*! WE'LL LIVE ALL YEAR *ROUND* THAT WAY! I CAN EARN ENOUGH BY FOLLOWING THE FISHING SEASONS IN VARIOUS PLACES AND..
BUT WHAT ABOUT A *HOME*, GIL? AND A REGULAR SCHOOL FOR AMY?


AMY *LOVES* THE BOAT! SHE WON'T MIND CHANGING SCHOOLS EVERY FEW MONTHS OR SO, IF SHE CAN GROW UP TRAVELING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY! IT'LL BE THE BEST EDUCATION IN THE WORLD FOR HER! AND AS FOR A HOME... *THIS* IS OUR HOME!
OH, NO, GIL... I COULDN'T...
"THE ARGUMENT, ALWAYS THE SAME, WOULD GO ROUND IN CIRCLES, TILL ONE OF US WOULD REFUSE TO TALK ABOUT IT ANY LONGER. BUT MY ANGER ALWAYS MELTED TO NOTHINGNESS WHEN GIL TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS..."
NEVER MIND, DARLING, WE WON'T TALK ABOUT IT NOW! ANYWAY, THE MAIN THING IS WE LOVE EACH OTHER...
"THEN HE'D KISS ME, AND I KNEW THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED, I WOULD **NEVER** LOVE ANYONE ELSE..."
SWEETHEART...
"BUT WE WERE BOTH FOOLING OURSELVES, FOR THERE SEEMED TO BE NO WAY OUT OF OUR CONFLICT. FINALLY..."
HERE'S A LETTER FROM MY OLD BOSS, ASKING ME TO COME BACK! HE EVEN OFFERS ME A RAISE! AS IF I'D BE HAPPY WITH BLUEPRINTS AND SLIDE RULES AFTER A FISHERMAN'S LIFE!
BUT, GIL... A RAISE! IT'S A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY! YOU MUST TAKE IT!
"THAT BEGAN OUR WORST, AND FINAL, ARGUMENT. AFTER AN HOUR OF WRANGLING, WE BOTH LOST OUR TEMPERS, AND I WALKED AWAY..."
THAT WAS THREE WEEKS AGO, AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER SINCE. I'VE BEEN MISERABLE, BUT I GUESS AMY HAS FELT EVEN WORSE. SHE LOVES GIL DEARLY, AND ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT HOW NICE IT WOULD BE TO...
...HAVE HIM FOR A BIG BROTHER... OHHH...


YOU'RE RIGHT, OF COURSE, ABOUT WANTING GIL TO HAVE A REGULAR JOB, AND AMY A REGULAR HOME, BUT YOU WERE *WRONG* TO DENY GIL A CHANCE TO LIVE *HIS* KIND OF LIFE ... AT LEAST FOR A LITTLE WHILE...
HE MAY HAVE SOON SEEN FOR HIMSELF THAT WHAT HE THOUGHT HE WANTED WASN'T BEST, AFTER ALL. BUT IT'S BAD TO FORCE A MAN INTO ANYTHING...
THAT'S TRUE, MISS MARTIN! BUT IT'S ALSO BAD TO REFUSE TO SEE ANYONE ELSE'S SIDE OF AN ARGUMENT... AS I DID!
GIL! YOU'VE COME BACK!
DARLING--
I APOLOGIZE FOR SPEAKING SO RUDELY TO YOU, MISS MARTIN! I GUESS WE WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF IF WE BOTH HAD COME TO YOU A LONG TIME AGO!
NOW THAT YOU ADMIT MISS MARTIN'S RIGHT, DEAR, WE CAN REALLY BE HAPPY WHEN YOU GET YOUR OLD JOB BACK!
HOLD ON A MINUTE, JOAN! MISS MARTIN *ALSO* SAID THAT I OUGHT TO BE ALLOWED TO TRY THINGS *MY* WAY FOR A WHILE...
SO YOU'RE BACKING OUT ALREADY! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN...
WHY ARE YOU SO *STUBBORN*? YOU'RE NOT EVEN WILLING TO GIVE ME A *CHANCE*!
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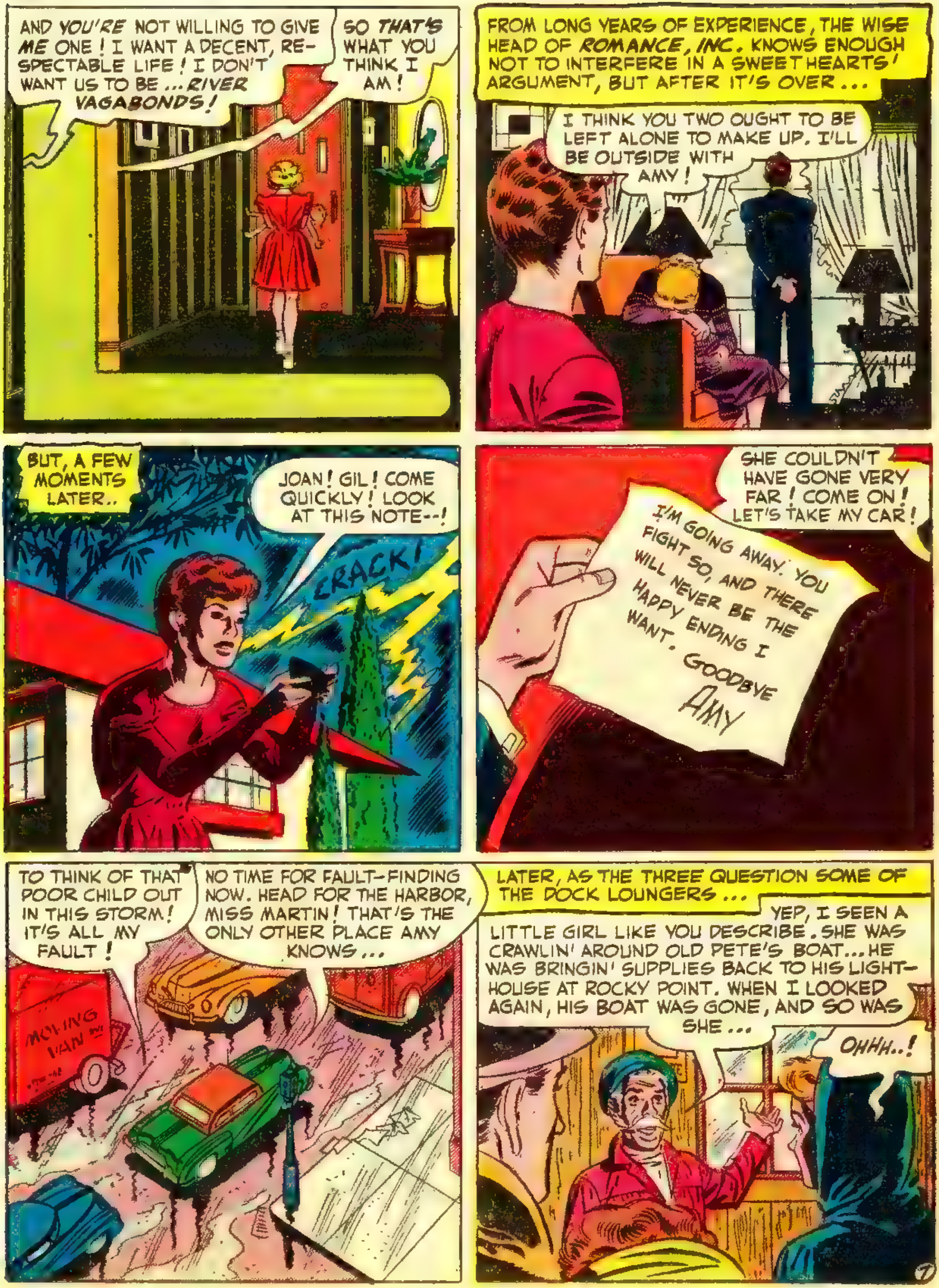
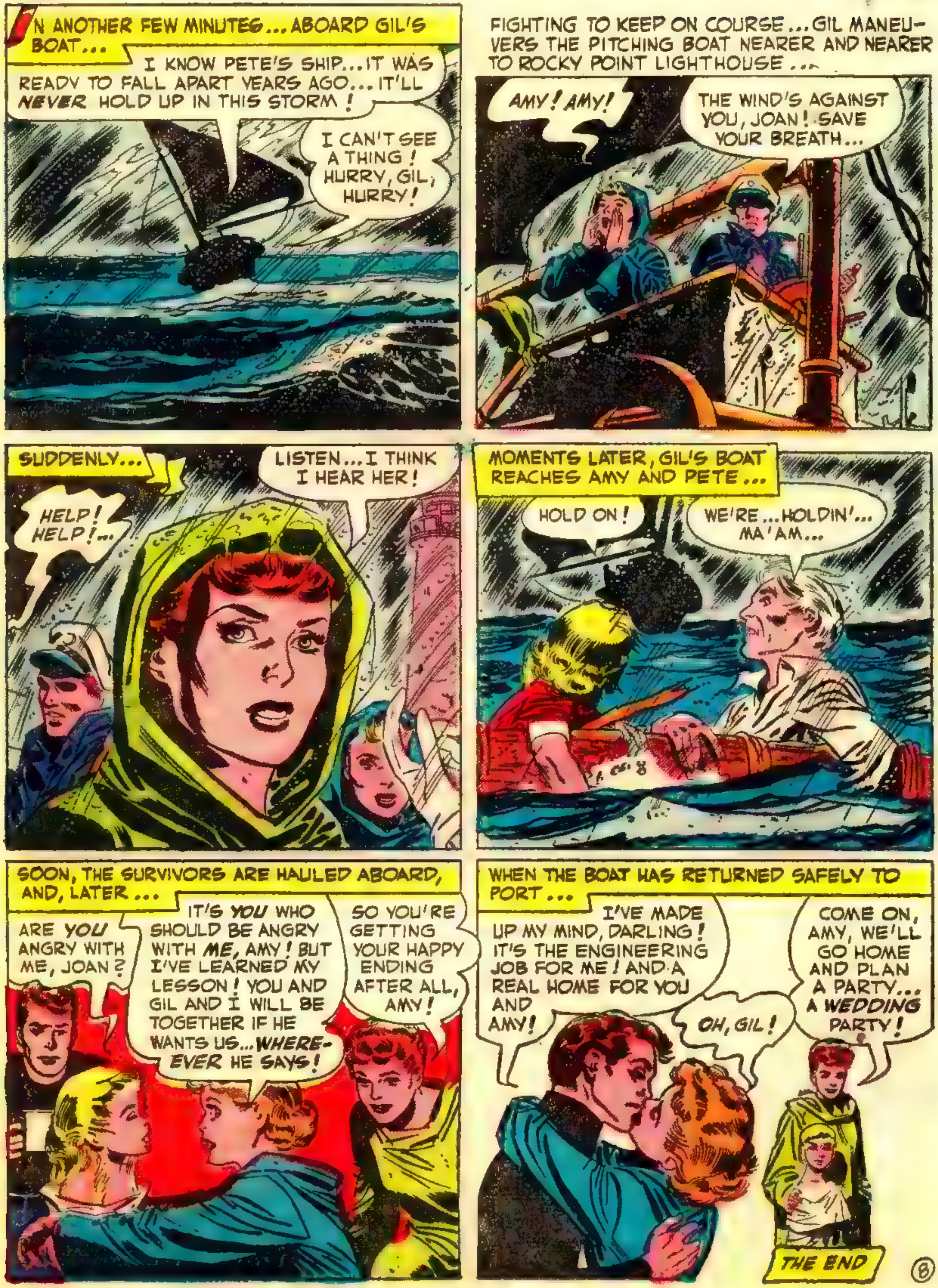

AND YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO GIVE ME ONE! I WANT A DECENT, RESPECTABLE LIFE! I DON'T WANT US TO BE ... RIVER VAGABONDS!
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK I AM!
FROM LONG YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, THE WISE HEAD OF ROMANCE, INC. KNOWS ENOUGH NOT TO INTERFERE IN A SWEETHEARTS' ARGUMENT, BUT AFTER IT'S OVER ...
I THINK YOU TWO OUGHT TO BE LEFT ALONE TO MAKE UP. I'LL BE OUTSIDE WITH AMY!
BUT, A FEW MOMENTS LATER..
JOAN! GIL! COME QUICKLY! LOOK AT THIS NOTE--!
CRACK!
SHE COULDN'T HAVE GONE VERY FAR! COME ON! LET'S TAKE MY CAR!
I'M GOING AWAY. YOU FIGHT SO, AND THERE WILL NEVER BE THE HAPPY ENDING I WANT. GOODBYE AMY
TO THINK OF THAT POOR CHILD OUT IN THIS STORM! IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
NO TIME FOR FAULT-FINDING NOW. HEAD FOR THE HARBOR, MISS MARTIN! THAT'S THE ONLY OTHER PLACE AMY KNOWS ...
MOVING VAN
LATER, AS THE THREE QUESTION SOME OF THE DOCK LOUNGERS ...
YEP, I SEEN A LITTLE GIRL LIKE YOU DESCRIBE. SHE WAS CRAWLIN' AROUND OLD PETE'S BOAT... HE WAS BRINGIN' SUPPLIES BACK TO HIS LIGHTHOUSE AT ROCKY POINT. WHEN I LOOKED AGAIN, HIS BOAT WAS GONE, AND SO WAS SHE ...
OHHH..!


IN ANOTHER FEW MINUTES... ABOARD GIL'S BOAT...
I KNOW PETE'S SHIP...IT WAS READY TO FALL APART YEARS AGO... IT'LL *NEVER* HOLD UP IN THIS STORM!
I CAN'T SEE A THING! HURRY, GIL, HURRY!
FIGHTING TO KEEP ON COURSE...GIL MANEUVERS THE PITCHING BOAT NEARER AND NEARER TO ROCKY POINT LIGHTHOUSE...
AMY! AMY!
THE WIND'S AGAINST YOU, JOAN! SAVE YOUR BREATH...
SUDDENLY...
HELP! HELP!...
LISTEN...I THINK I HEAR HER!
MOMENTS LATER, GIL'S BOAT REACHES AMY AND PETE...
HOLD ON!
WE'RE...HOLDIN'... MA'AM...
SOON, THE SURVIVORS ARE HAULED ABOARD, AND, LATER...
ARE *YOU* ANGRY WITH ME, JOAN?
IT'S *YOU* WHO SHOULD BE ANGRY WITH *ME*, AMY! BUT I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON! YOU AND GIL AND I WILL BE TOGETHER IF HE WANTS US...*WHEREEVER* HE SAYS!
SO YOU'RE GETTING YOUR HAPPY ENDING AFTER ALL, AMY!
WHEN THE BOAT HAS RETURNED SAFELY TO PORT...
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND, DARLING! IT'S THE ENGINEERING JOB FOR ME! AND A REAL HOME FOR YOU AND AMY!
OH, GIL!
COME ON, AMY, WE'LL GO HOME AND PLAN A PARTY... A *WEDDING* PARTY!
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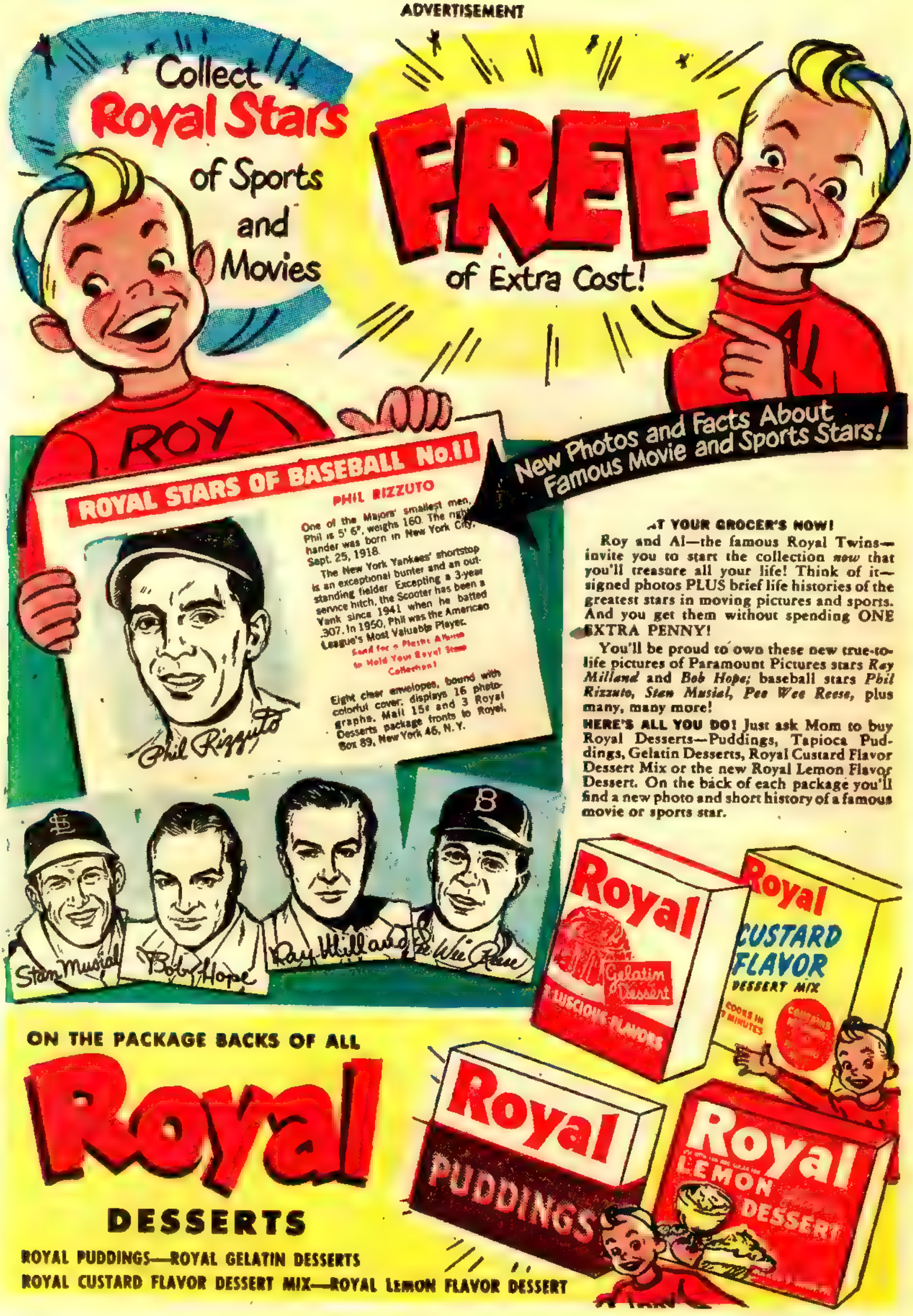
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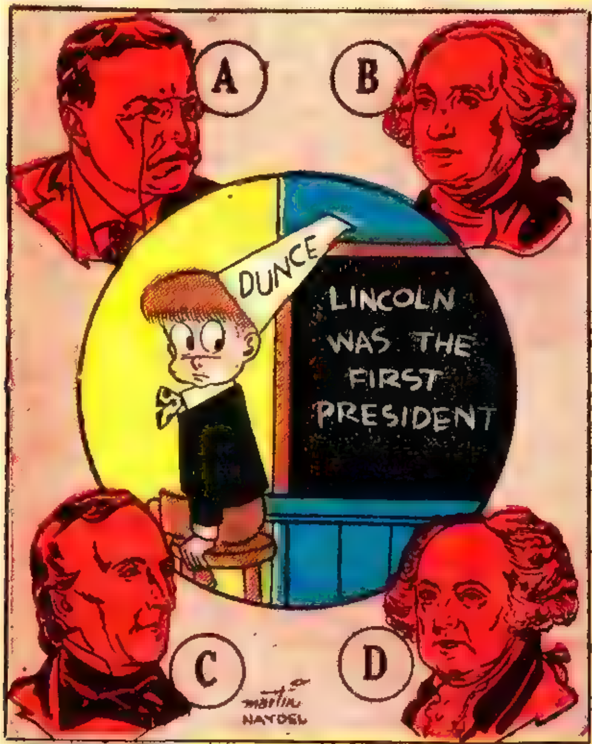
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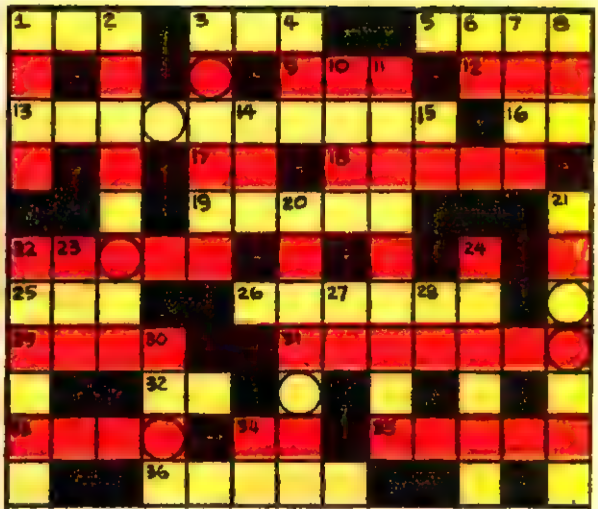

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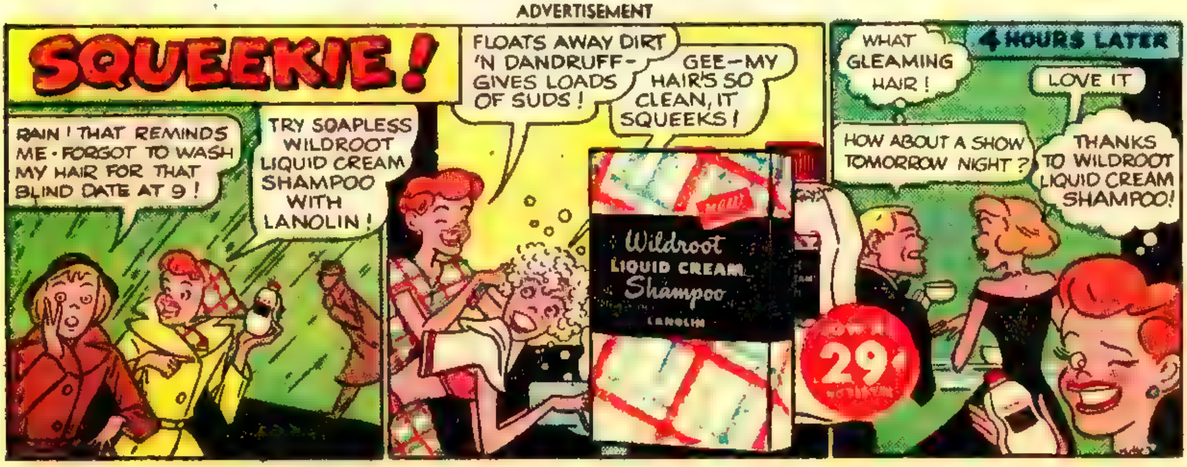
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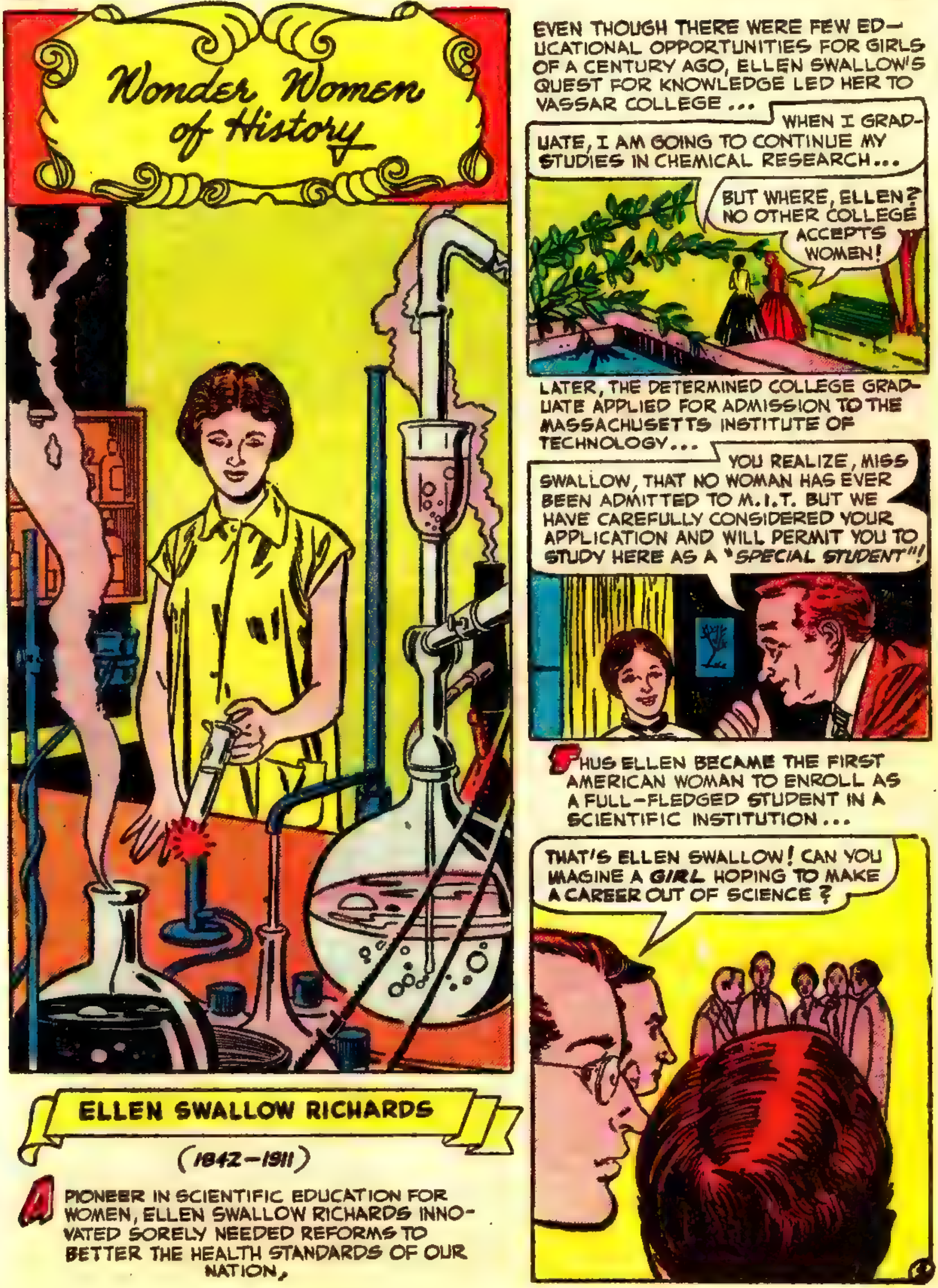
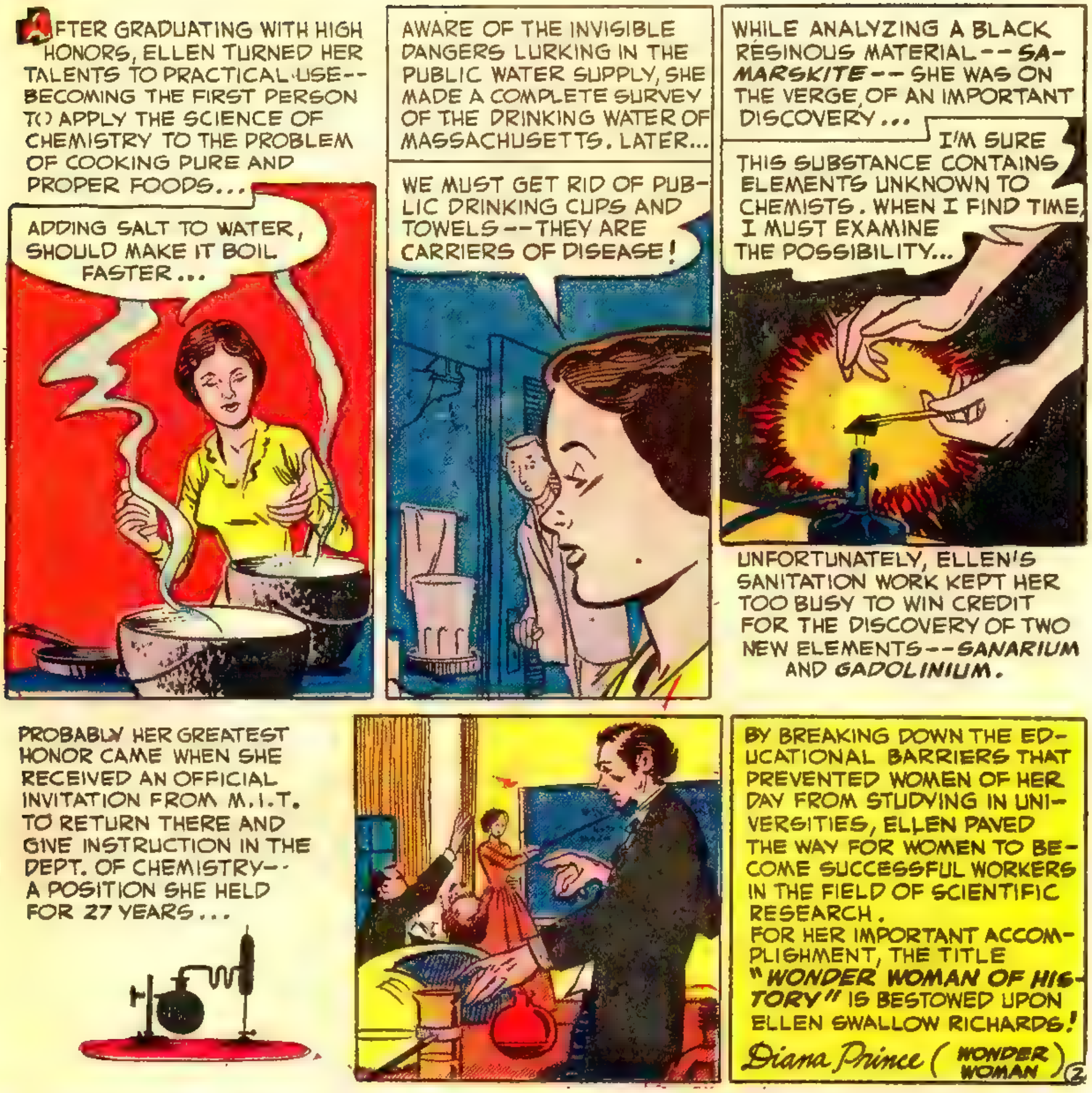
HOW ABOUT A SHOW TOMORROW NIGHT?
THANKS TO WILDROOT LIQUID CREAM SHAMPOO!


Wonder Women of History
ELLEN SWALLOW RICHARDS
(1842–1911)
A PIONEER IN SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION FOR WOMEN, ELLEN SWALLOW RICHARDS INNOVATED SORELY NEEDED REFORMS TO BETTER THE HEALTH STANDARDS OF OUR NATION,
EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE FEW EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS OF A CENTURY AGO, ELLEN SWALLOW'S QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE LED HER TO VASSAR COLLEGE ...
WHEN I GRADUATE, I AM GOING TO CONTINUE MY STUDIES IN CHEMICAL RESEARCH ...
BUT WHERE, ELLEN? NO OTHER COLLEGE ACCEPTS WOMEN!
LATER, THE DETERMINED COLLEGE GRADUATE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ...
YOU REALIZE, MISS SWALLOW, THAT NO WOMAN HAS EVER BEEN ADMITTED TO M.I.T. BUT WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED YOUR APPLICATION AND WILL PERMIT YOU TO STUDY HERE AS A "SPECIAL STUDENT"!
THUS ELLEN BECAME THE FIRST AMERICAN WOMAN TO ENROLL AS A FULL-FLEDGED STUDENT IN A SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION ...
THAT'S ELLEN SWALLOW! CAN YOU IMAGINE A GIRL HOPING TO MAKE A CAREER OUT OF SCIENCE?


AFTER GRADUATING WITH HIGH HONORS, ELLEN TURNED HER TALENTS TO PRACTICAL USE--BECOMING THE FIRST PERSON TO APPLY THE SCIENCE OF CHEMISTRY TO THE PROBLEM OF COOKING PURE AND PROPER FOODS...
ADDING SALT TO WATER, SHOULD MAKE IT BOIL FASTER...
AWARE OF THE INVISIBLE DANGERS LURKING IN THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY, SHE MADE A COMPLETE SURVEY OF THE DRINKING WATER OF MASSACHUSETTS. LATER...
WE MUST GET RID OF PUBLIC DRINKING CUPS AND TOWELS--THEY ARE CARRIERS OF DISEASE!
WHILE ANALYZING A BLACK RESINOUS MATERIAL--SAMARSKITE--SHE WAS ON THE VERGE OF AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY...
I'M SURE THIS SUBSTANCE CONTAINS ELEMENTS UNKNOWN TO CHEMISTS. WHEN I FIND TIME, I MUST EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY...
UNFORTUNATELY, ELLEN'S SANITATION WORK KEPT HER TOO BUSY TO WIN CREDIT FOR THE DISCOVERY OF TWO NEW ELEMENTS--SANARIUM AND GADOLINIUM.
PROBABLY HER GREATEST HONOR CAME WHEN SHE RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM M.I.T. TO RETURN THERE AND GIVE INSTRUCTION IN THE DEPT. OF CHEMISTRY--A POSITION SHE HELD FOR 27 YEARS...
BY BREAKING DOWN THE EDUCATIONAL BARRIERS THAT PREVENTED WOMEN OF HER DAY FROM STUDYING IN UNIVERSITIES, ELLEN PAVED THE WAY FOR WOMEN TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL WORKERS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.
FOR HER IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENT, THE TITLE "WONDER WOMAN OF HISTORY" IS BESTOWED UPON ELLEN SWALLOW RICHARDS!
Diana Prince (WONDER WOMAN)
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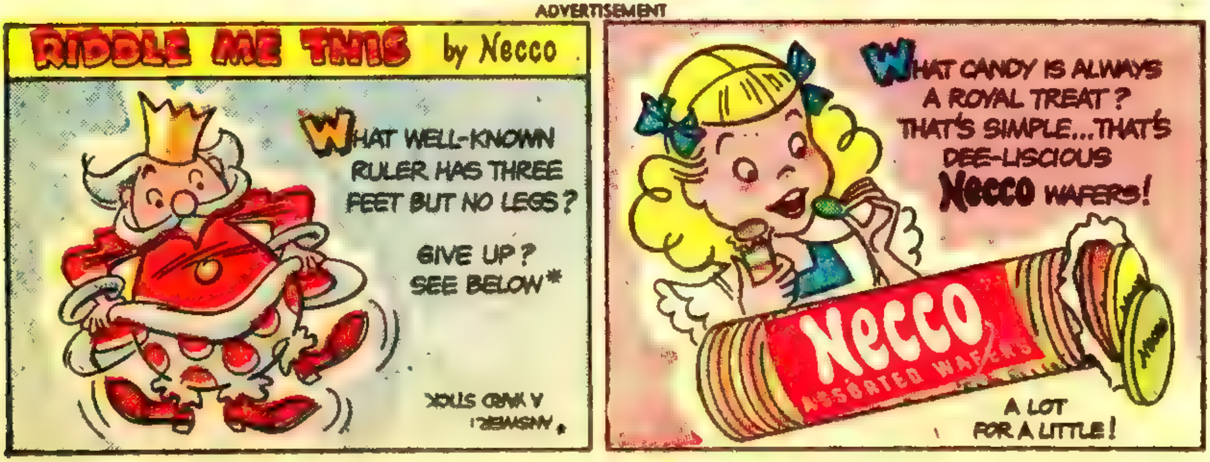

RIDDLE ME THIS by Necco
WHAT WELL-KNOWN RULER HAS THREE FEET BUT NO LEGS?
GIVE UP? SEE BELOW*
*ANSWER: A YARD STICK
WHAT CANDY IS ALWAYS A ROYAL TREAT? THAT'S SIMPLE...THAT'S DEE-LISCIOUS Necco WAFERS!
Necco ASSORTED WAFERS
A LOT FOR A LITTLE!

Youth Shoots the Moon

WHERE will YOU be when the first spaceship leaves the earth bound for the moon?

Yes, such an event may well take place within your lifetime! It is entirely feasible, when one adds up the advances made in air travel in the past 45 years and takes a look at some of the plans which air-minded men have for the future.

One thing, however, seems quite certain. The pioneers in space travel will not be the hoary scientists who sit in ivory towers and dream of life on the outer planets. In all probability, they will come from those groups of youngsters that you see these days on practically every vacant lot, learning about the principles of flight by flying model planes which they, themselves have made.

Have you ever heard of Adam J. Stolzenberger? Many model plane fans know of him, and so do the top scientists who are developing our aircraft of the future. Adam started his career at the age of 12, when he received a model plane kit of the World War I "Jenny" for Christmas. He built the plane, and became a confirmed model plane enthusiast. He started flying and winning in practically every model plane meet on the eastern seaboard.

While he was a student at Brooklyn Technical High School, Adam found that his hobby had started paying dividends, for he was employed by some of the larger New York department stores to make model plane displays for their toy departments. By the time he was 16, Adam built his first full-scale aircraft, a glider, and later he organized the Long Island Glider Club. He set up his own model plane manufacturing company, Skylark Model Aircraft, in Queens, N. Y., where he designed, built, tested and sold his own model plane kits. He devised a rapid method of manufacturing propellors, and was soon able to supply propellors to other model plane manufacturers.

His work with model planes landed Adam jobs with two national manufacturers, where he learned the fundamentals of electronics and worked on automatic flight equipment. When World War II came along he joined the Air Force, and flew the Atlantic patrol before he was assigned to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, to work as a test pilot and research man.

One day Adam watched a close friend, another test pilot, die in a crash. The experience disturbed him greatly, for he felt that such accidents could be avoided if new aircraft were first tested as models. He ran a series of tests and proved his point. Now engineers can find out how their new ideas work without risking the lives of good men and wasting taxpayers' money by conducting tests on full-scale aircraft.

Adam was the first to build a successful ornithopter—the scientific name for flapping-wing aircraft. As a personal project, he has built more than 250 mechanical birds of various shapes and sizes including those of eagles, swallows and humming birds. His ornithopter—which he developed as a model—gets its flapping motion, which makes it difficult to distinguish from a bird, from a single application of the resonance principle.

Resonance is the factor mysteriously causing uncontrollable flutter or vibration to develop at times in the wings and other structural members of fast new combat planes—with danger both to the plane and the pilot. Adam, while trying to solve the flutter and vibration problems, came upon the idea of using an unbalanced rotor to set up vibration deliberately in flapping wing models. The idea worked!

Out of his work with models at Wright Field, Adam developed an entirely new and important part of our Air Force—the Dynamic Model Unit of the Aircraft Laboratory, Air Materiel Command. The unit has its own airport or testing field for models, believed to be the finest model plane flying field in the world. It also has wind tunnels for the testing of models which may some day become our super airplanes.

Similar work is carried on by former model builders working for the government at Langley Field, Va., where they have tested models for the rocket-powered XS-1, which was designed to explore the transonic strata, for huge four-engine bombers, and for guided missile interceptors.

The guided missile is of increasing importance these days, and it is through the secrets which former model builders and scientists have discovered in working with them that the dream of a flight to the moon may be realized. Most progress along these lines—at least the early development—was made in Germany by a group of youngsters who were experimenting with rockets. It was this group which, working under government subsidy, developed the V-1 and V-2 bombs which were fired across the English channel and which reduced parts of London to rubble. The V-1, however, was not a true guided missile. (Scientists define a guided missile as a projectile which is guided in flight by radio signals, ground observation, or attraction to target.) The V-1 was launched from a platform aimed at a target, had wings and tail, and pulse-jet engines which drew oxygen from the air. Although it attained speeds up to 450 miles per hour, the bomb could be intercepted and shot down by fighter planes.

The V-2 was the first truly guided missile, and while it was aimed at the target it was controlled in flight by a gyroscope. Fuel for the V-2 was alcohol and liquid oxygen. During the war, V-2 bombs reached heights of five miles and had ranges up to 200 miles. In tests in the U. S. since the war, however, the V-2 has gone straight up for 120 miles, loaded with equipment for measuring conditions in the supersonic strata.

Happily for Americans, the man mainly responsible for these two weapons is now in the United States working for our government at Redstone Arsenal, near Huntsville, Alabama. The man, Professor Wernher von Braun, a scientist who was head of Hitler's experimental guided missile station, also developed the Wasserfall, a guided anti-aircraft rocket which was ready to be turned loose against our bombers when the war ended. His job is the development of guided missiles for the U.S., and he has working with him the staff of 117 German scientists, engineers and technicians who were with him when he was developing weapons of destruction for the Germans.

Although von Braun's business is to make weapons of war, he insists that the personal objective of his scientific labor is to make a trip to the moon possible. He first became excited about this subject when, in his teens, he read a magazine article about interplanetary travel. With other visionary youngsters, he organized a Spaceship Travel Club, and they spent all of their spare time working on rockets. This was 21 years ago. Since then, his objective has always been to develop a ship in which he could travel to the moon. Military work, he says, is merely a means to an end.

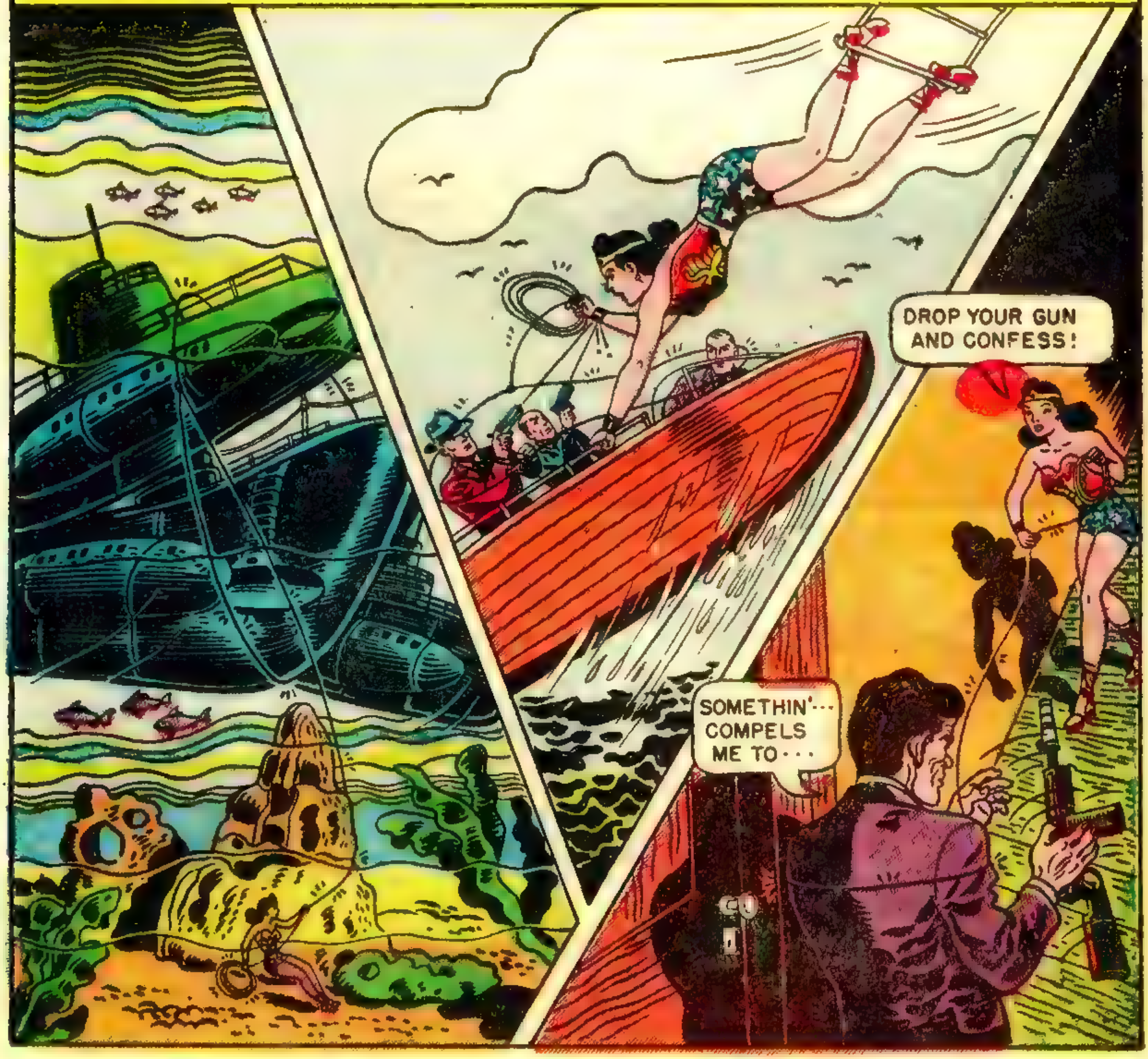
With all of the advancements which have been made in air travel within the past few years, flight to the moon seems to be growing closer to reality—and, in view of the history of those who have been instrumental in our most recent progress, it is not beyond the realm of possibility to believe that the best of the model plane builders of today, such as those who will be invited to the Plymouth International this summer, will be on the first spaceship to leave.

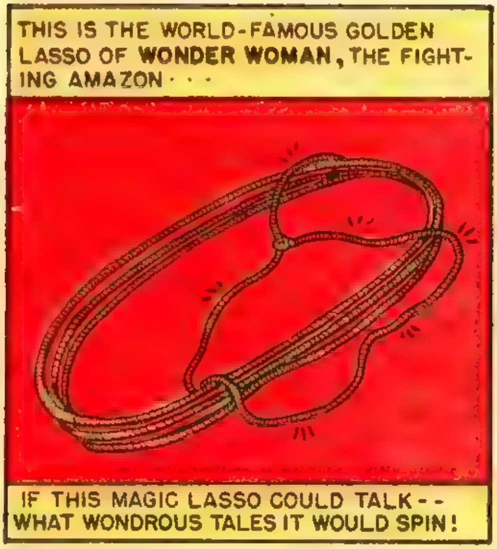
Wonder Woman

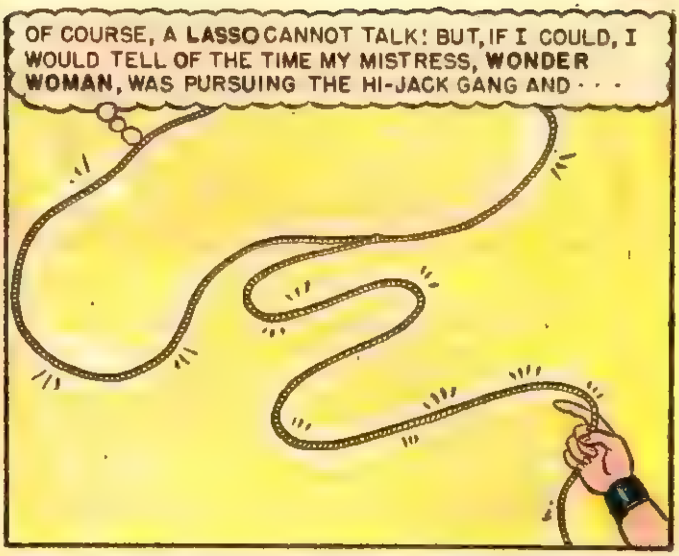
By CHARLES MOULTON

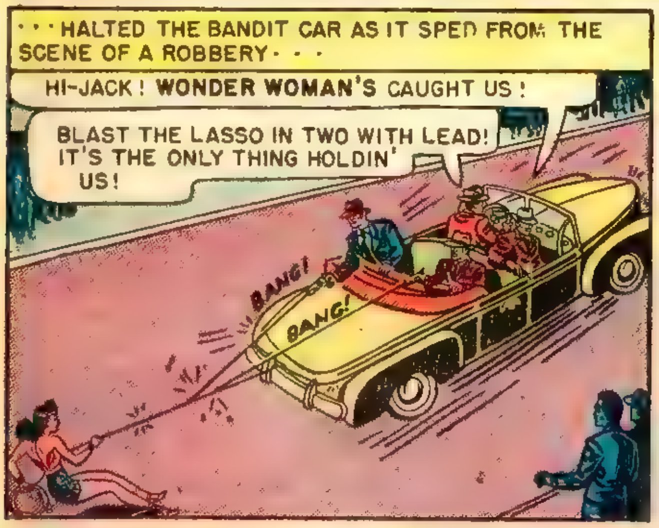
NEVER BEFORE HAS THE WORLD SEEN SUCH AN AMAZING LASSO AS THE ONE WIELDED AGAINST THE RUTHLESS FORCES OF CRIME AND INJUSTICE BY WONDER WOMAN — BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY — BUT, COUNTLESS READERS ASK: "HOW DOES IT WORK? WHAT MAKES IT UNBREAKABLE, ENDLESSLY ELASTIC, AND CAPABLE OF COMPELLING TRUTH AND OBEDIENCE FROM WHOMEVER IT ENCIRCLES?" NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, ALL THESE BAFFLING QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED AS THE LOVELY AMAZON MAID RELIVES THE ASTONISHING ADVENTURES BEHIND . . . . . .

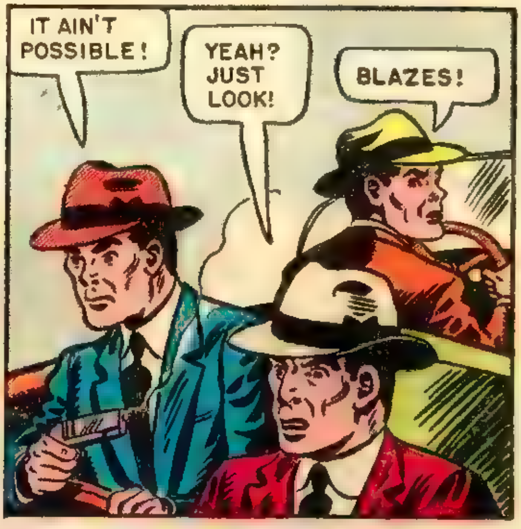
"THE SECRET STORY OF WONDER WOMAN'S LASSO!"

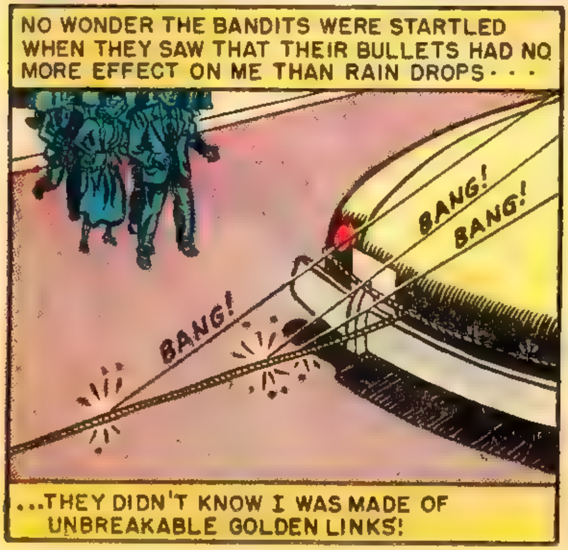

DROP YOUR GUN AND CONFESS!
SOMETHIN'... COMPELS ME TO...

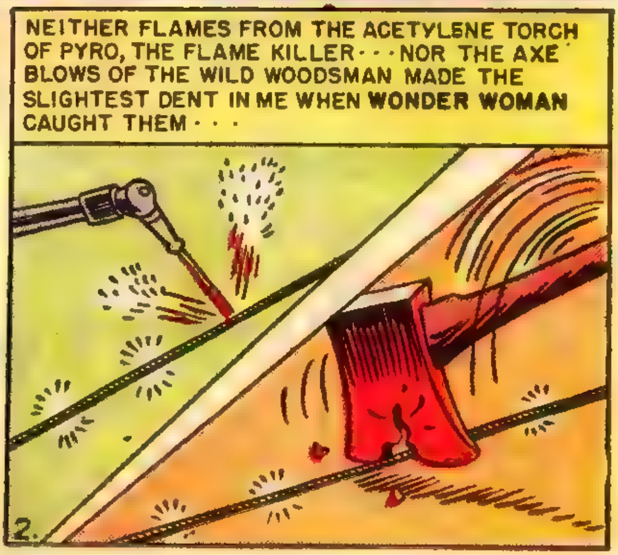

THIS IS THE WORLD-FAMOUS GOLDEN LASSO OF **WONDER WOMAN**, THE FIGHTING AMAZON · · ·
IF THIS MAGIC LASSO COULD TALK - - WHAT WONDROUS TALES IT WOULD SPIN!

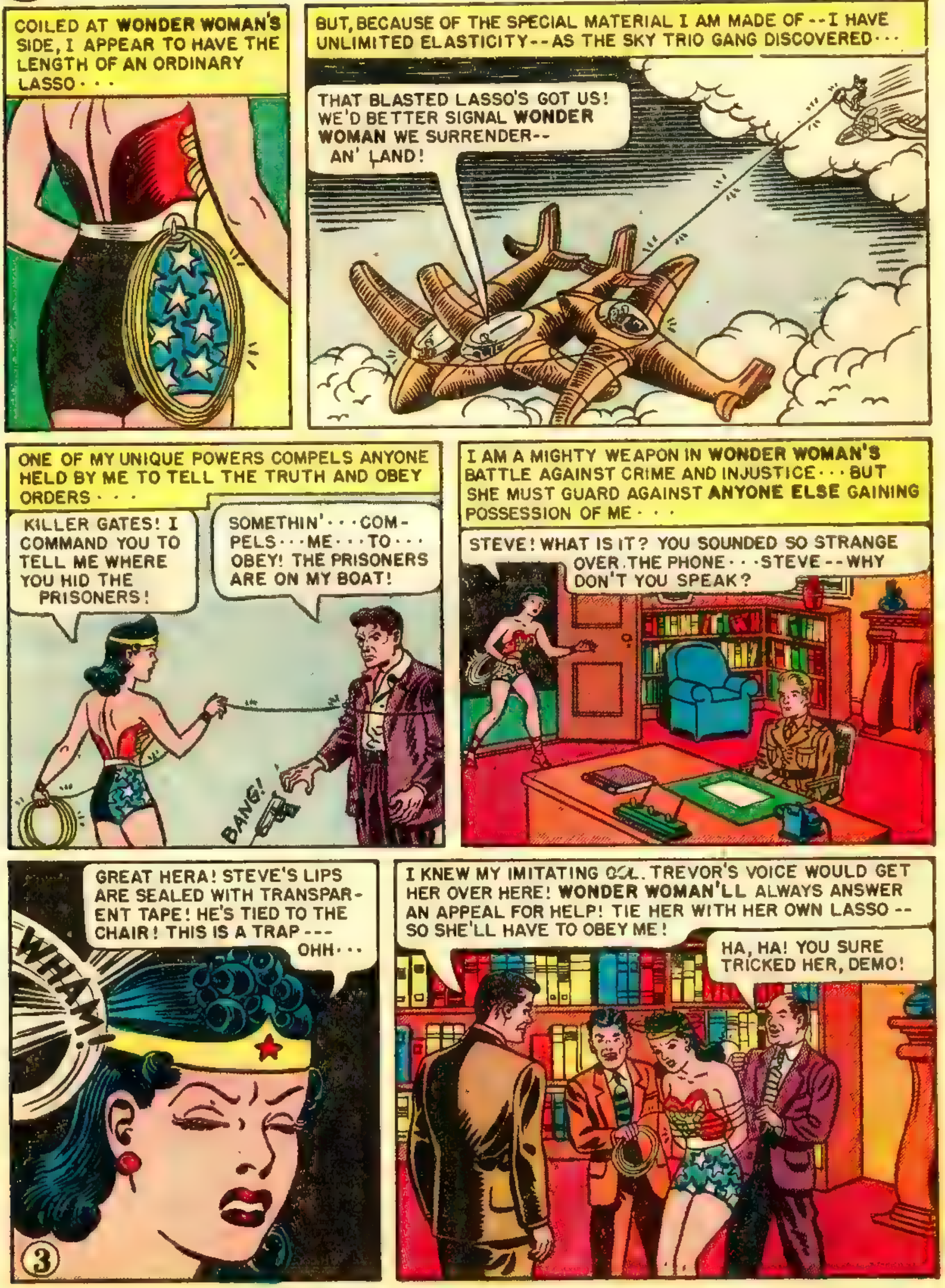

OF COURSE, A **LASSO** CANNOT TALK! BUT, IF I COULD, I WOULD TELL OF THE TIME MY MISTRESS, **WONDER WOMAN**, WAS PURSUING THE HI-JACK GANG AND · · ·

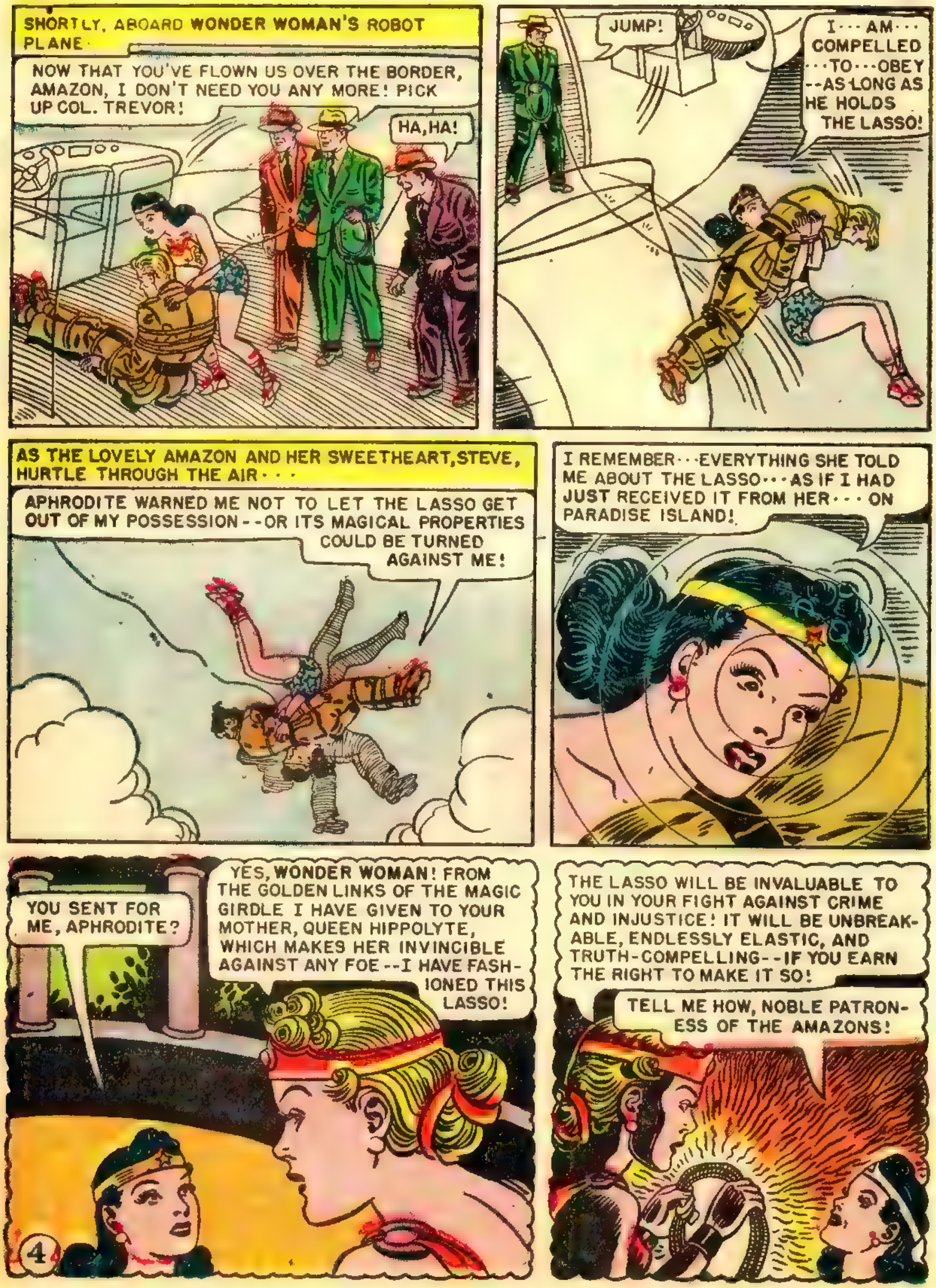

· · · HALTED THE BANDIT CAR AS IT SPED FROM THE SCENE OF A ROBBERY · · ·
HI-JACK! **WONDER WOMAN**'S CAUGHT US!
BLAST THE LASSO IN TWO WITH LEAD! IT'S THE ONLY THING HOLDIN' US!
BANG!
BANG!

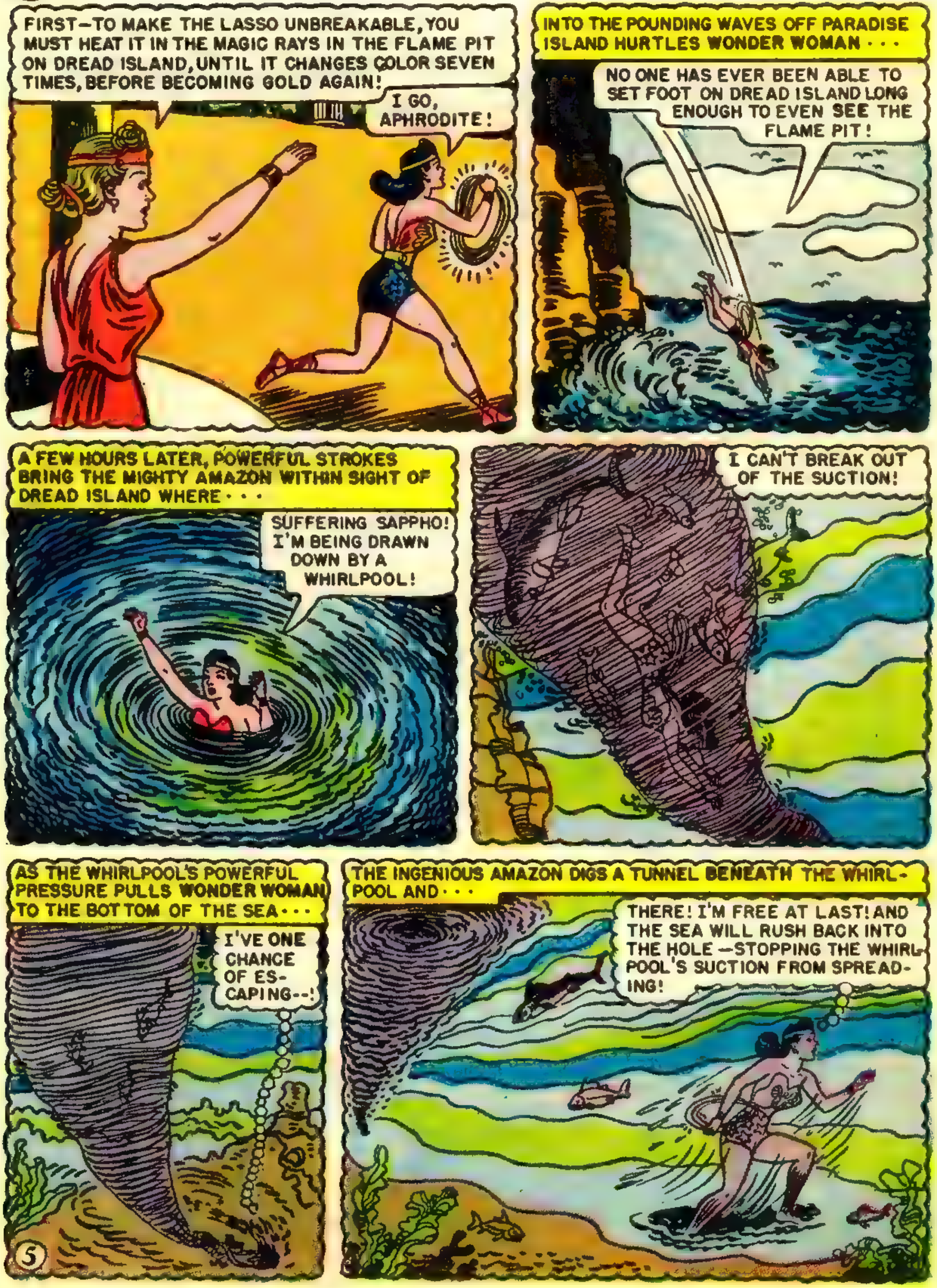

IT AIN'T POSSIBLE!
YEAH? JUST LOOK!
BLAZES!

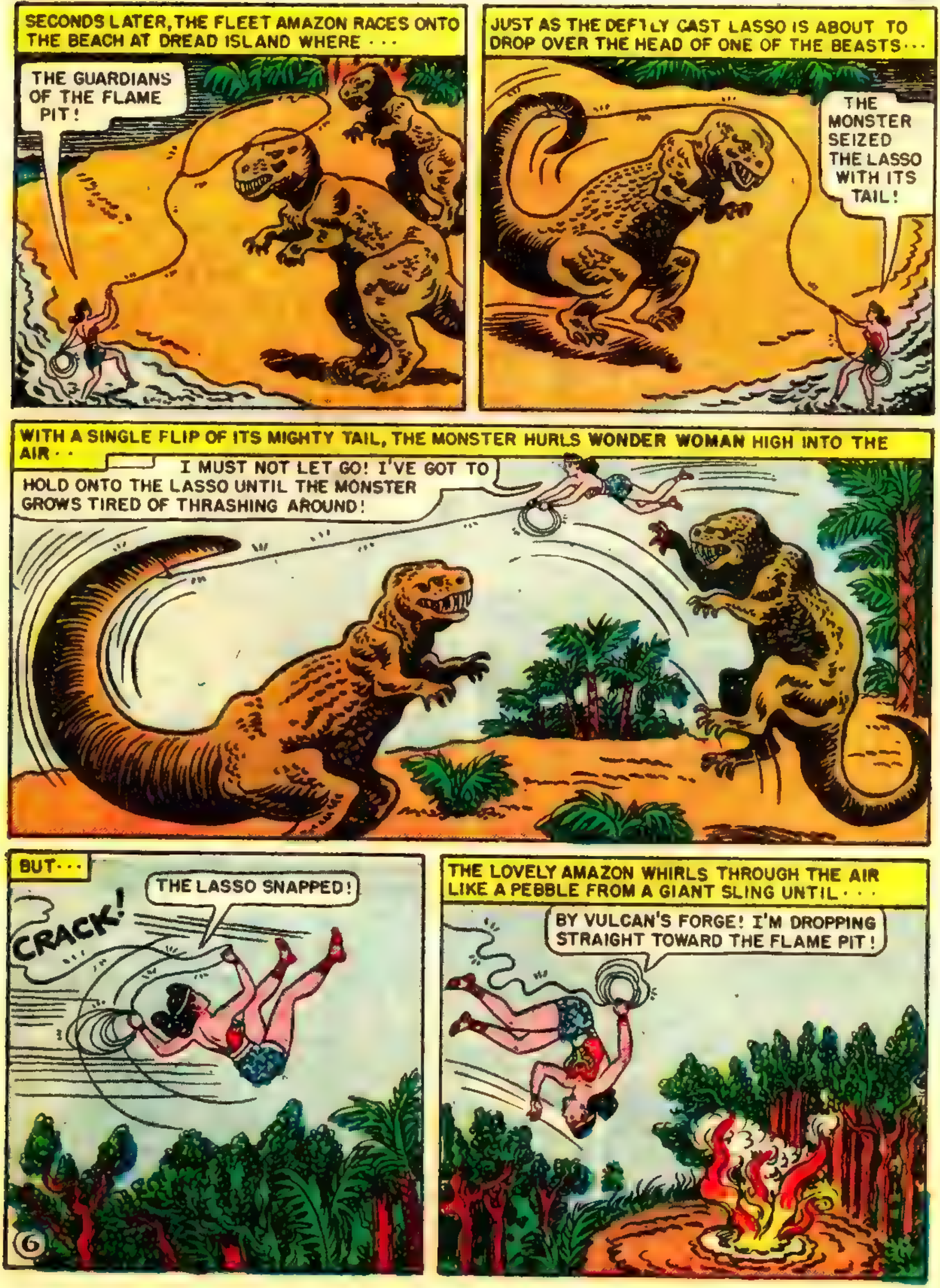

NO WONDER THE BANDITS WERE STARTLED WHEN THEY SAW THAT THEIR BULLETS HAD NO MORE EFFECT ON ME THAN RAIN DROPS · · ·
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!
...THEY DIDN'T KNOW I WAS MADE OF UNBREAKABLE GOLDEN LINKS!

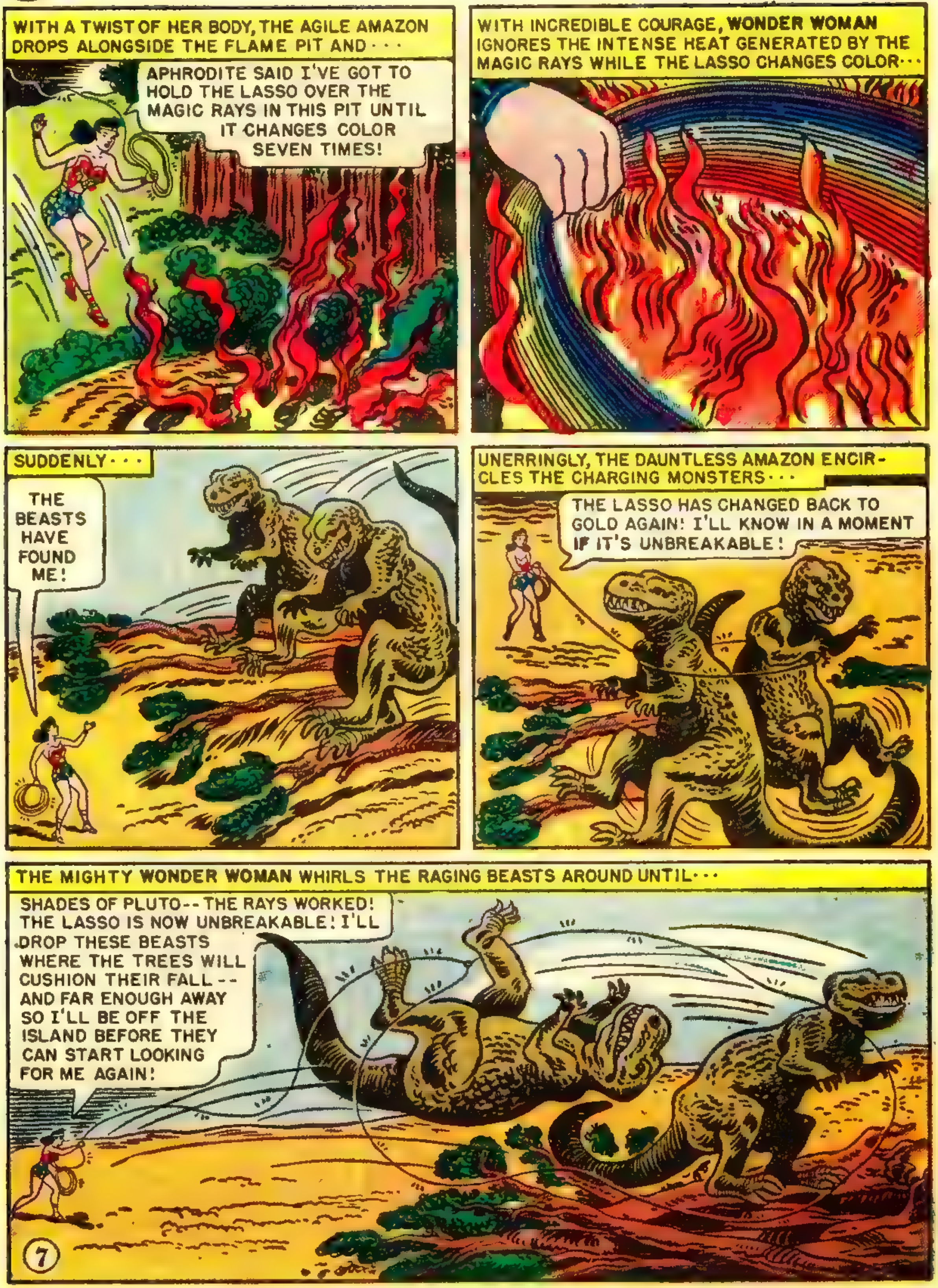

NEITHER FLAMES FROM THE ACETYLENE TORCH OF PYRO, THE FLAME KILLER · · · NOR THE AXE BLOWS OF THE WILD WOODSMAN MADE THE SLIGHTEST DENT IN ME WHEN **WONDER WOMAN** CAUGHT THEM · · ·

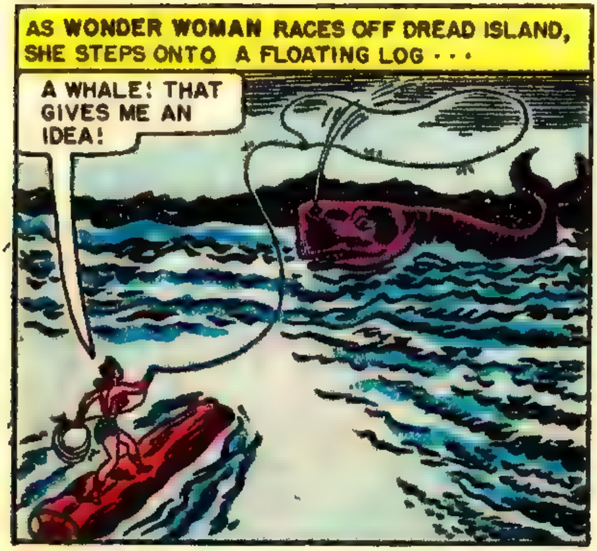

COILED AT WONDER WOMAN'S SIDE, I APPEAR TO HAVE THE LENGTH OF AN ORDINARY LASSO · · ·
BUT, BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL MATERIAL I AM MADE OF -- I HAVE UNLIMITED ELASTICITY -- AS THE SKY TRIO GANG DISCOVERED · · ·
THAT BLASTED LASSO'S GOT US! WE'D BETTER SIGNAL WONDER WOMAN WE SURRENDER -- AN' LAND!
ONE OF MY UNIQUE POWERS COMPELS ANYONE HELD BY ME TO TELL THE TRUTH AND OBEY ORDERS · · ·
KILLER GATES! I COMMAND YOU TO TELL ME WHERE YOU HID THE PRISONERS!
SOMETHIN' · · · COMPELS · · · ME · · · TO · · · OBEY! THE PRISONERS ARE ON MY BOAT!
BANG!
I AM A MIGHTY WEAPON IN WONDER WOMAN'S BATTLE AGAINST CRIME AND INJUSTICE · · · BUT SHE MUST GUARD AGAINST ANYONE ELSE GAINING POSSESSION OF ME · · ·
STEVE! WHAT IS IT? YOU SOUNDED SO STRANGE OVER THE PHONE · · · STEVE -- WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK?
GREAT HERA! STEVE'S LIPS ARE SEALED WITH TRANSPARENT TAPE! HE'S TIED TO THE CHAIR! THIS IS A TRAP --- OHH · · ·
WHAM!
I KNEW MY IMITATING COL. TREVOR'S VOICE WOULD GET HER OVER HERE! WONDER WOMAN'LL ALWAYS ANSWER AN APPEAL FOR HELP! TIE HER WITH HER OWN LASSO -- SO SHE'LL HAVE TO OBEY ME!
HA, HA! YOU SURE TRICKED HER, DEMO!

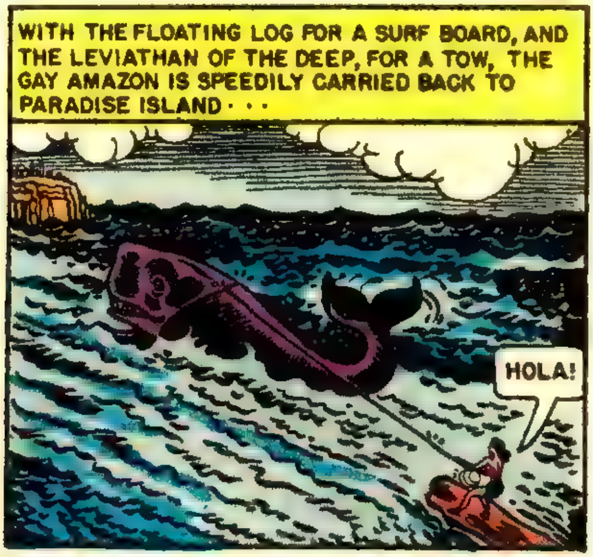

SHORTLY, ABOARD WONDER WOMAN'S ROBOT PLANE·
NOW THAT YOU'VE FLOWN US OVER THE BORDER, AMAZON, I DON'T NEED YOU ANY MORE! PICK UP COL. TREVOR!
HA, HA!
JUMP!
I··· AM··· COMPELLED ···TO···OBEY --AS LONG AS HE HOLDS THE LASSO!
AS THE LOVELY AMAZON AND HER SWEETHEART, STEVE, HURTLE THROUGH THE AIR···
APHRODITE WARNED ME NOT TO LET THE LASSO GET OUT OF MY POSSESSION--OR ITS MAGICAL PROPERTIES COULD BE TURNED AGAINST ME!
I REMEMBER···EVERYTHING SHE TOLD ME ABOUT THE LASSO···AS IF I HAD JUST RECEIVED IT FROM HER··· ON PARADISE ISLAND!
YOU SENT FOR ME, APHRODITE?
YES, WONDER WOMAN! FROM THE GOLDEN LINKS OF THE MAGIC GIRDLE I HAVE GIVEN TO YOUR MOTHER, QUEEN HIPPOLYTE, WHICH MAKES HER INVINCIBLE AGAINST ANY FOE--I HAVE FASHIONED THIS LASSO!
THE LASSO WILL BE INVALUABLE TO YOU IN YOUR FIGHT AGAINST CRIME AND INJUSTICE! IT WILL BE UNBREAKABLE, ENDLESSLY ELASTIC, AND TRUTH-COMPELLING--IF YOU EARN THE RIGHT TO MAKE IT SO!
TELL ME HOW, NOBLE PATRONESS OF THE AMAZONS!

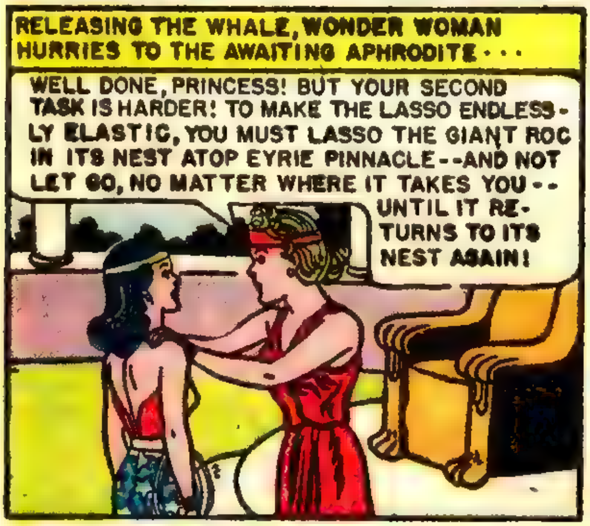

FIRST—TO MAKE THE LASSO UNBREAKABLE, YOU MUST HEAT IT IN THE MAGIC RAYS IN THE FLAME PIT ON DREAD ISLAND, UNTIL IT CHANGES COLOR SEVEN TIMES, BEFORE BECOMING GOLD AGAIN!
I GO, APHRODITE!
INTO THE POUNDING WAVES OFF PARADISE ISLAND HURTLES WONDER WOMAN . . .
NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO SET FOOT ON DREAD ISLAND LONG ENOUGH TO EVEN SEE THE FLAME PIT!
A FEW HOURS LATER, POWERFUL STROKES BRING THE MIGHTY AMAZON WITHIN SIGHT OF DREAD ISLAND WHERE . . .
SUFFERING SAPPHO! I'M BEING DRAWN DOWN BY A WHIRLPOOL!
I CAN'T BREAK OUT OF THE SUCTION!
AS THE WHIRLPOOL'S POWERFUL PRESSURE PULLS WONDER WOMAN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA . . .
I'VE ONE CHANCE OF ESCAPING--!
THE INGENIOUS AMAZON DIGS A TUNNEL BENEATH THE WHIRLPOOL AND . . .
THERE! I'M FREE AT LAST! AND THE SEA WILL RUSH BACK INTO THE HOLE —STOPPING THE WHIRLPOOL'S SUCTION FROM SPREADING!

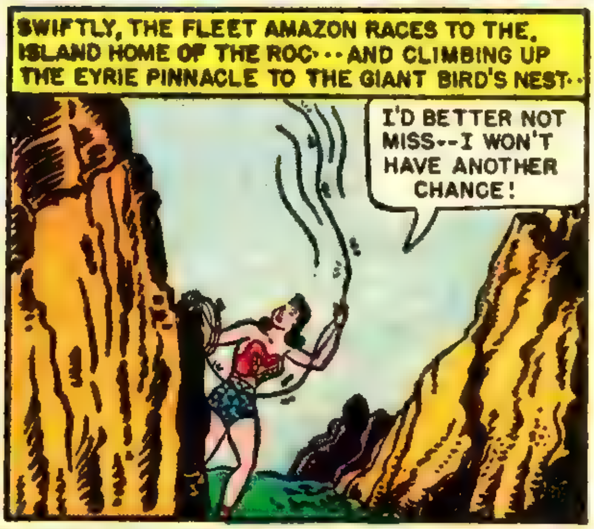

SECONDS LATER, THE FLEET AMAZON RACES ONTO THE BEACH AT DREAD ISLAND WHERE . . .
THE GUARDIANS OF THE FLAME PIT!
JUST AS THE DEFTLY CAST LASSO IS ABOUT TO DROP OVER THE HEAD OF ONE OF THE BEASTS . . .
THE MONSTER SEIZED THE LASSO WITH ITS TAIL!
WITH A SINGLE FLIP OF ITS MIGHTY TAIL, THE MONSTER HURLS WONDER WOMAN HIGH INTO THE AIR . .
I MUST NOT LET GO! I'VE GOT TO HOLD ONTO THE LASSO UNTIL THE MONSTER GROWS TIRED OF THRASHING AROUND!
BUT . . .
THE LASSO SNAPPED!
CRACK!
THE LOVELY AMAZON WHIRLS THROUGH THE AIR LIKE A PEBBLE FROM A GIANT SLING UNTIL . . .
BY VULCAN'S FORGE! I'M DROPPING STRAIGHT TOWARD THE FLAME PIT!

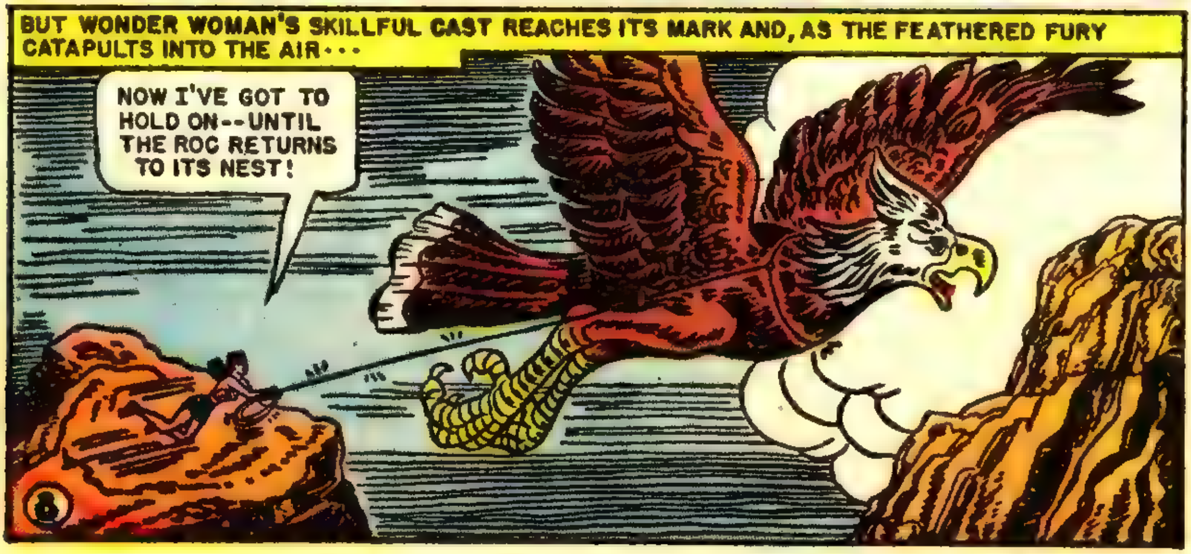

WITH A TWIST OF HER BODY, THE AGILE AMAZON DROPS ALONGSIDE THE FLAME PIT AND · · ·
APHRODITE SAID I'VE GOT TO HOLD THE LASSO OVER THE MAGIC RAYS IN THIS PIT UNTIL IT CHANGES COLOR SEVEN TIMES!
WITH INCREDIBLE COURAGE, **WONDER WOMAN** IGNORES THE INTENSE HEAT GENERATED BY THE MAGIC RAYS WHILE THE LASSO CHANGES COLOR · · ·
SUDDENLY · · ·
THE BEASTS HAVE FOUND ME!
UNERRINGLY, THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON ENCIRCLES THE CHARGING MONSTERS · · ·
THE LASSO HAS CHANGED BACK TO GOLD AGAIN! I'LL KNOW IN A MOMENT IF IT'S UNBREAKABLE!
THE MIGHTY **WONDER WOMAN** WHIRLS THE RAGING BEASTS AROUND UNTIL · · ·
SHADES OF PLUTO -- THE RAYS WORKED! THE LASSO IS NOW UNBREAKABLE! I'LL DROP THESE BEASTS WHERE THE TREES WILL CUSHION THEIR FALL -- AND FAR ENOUGH AWAY SO I'LL BE OFF THE ISLAND BEFORE THEY CAN START LOOKING FOR ME AGAIN!

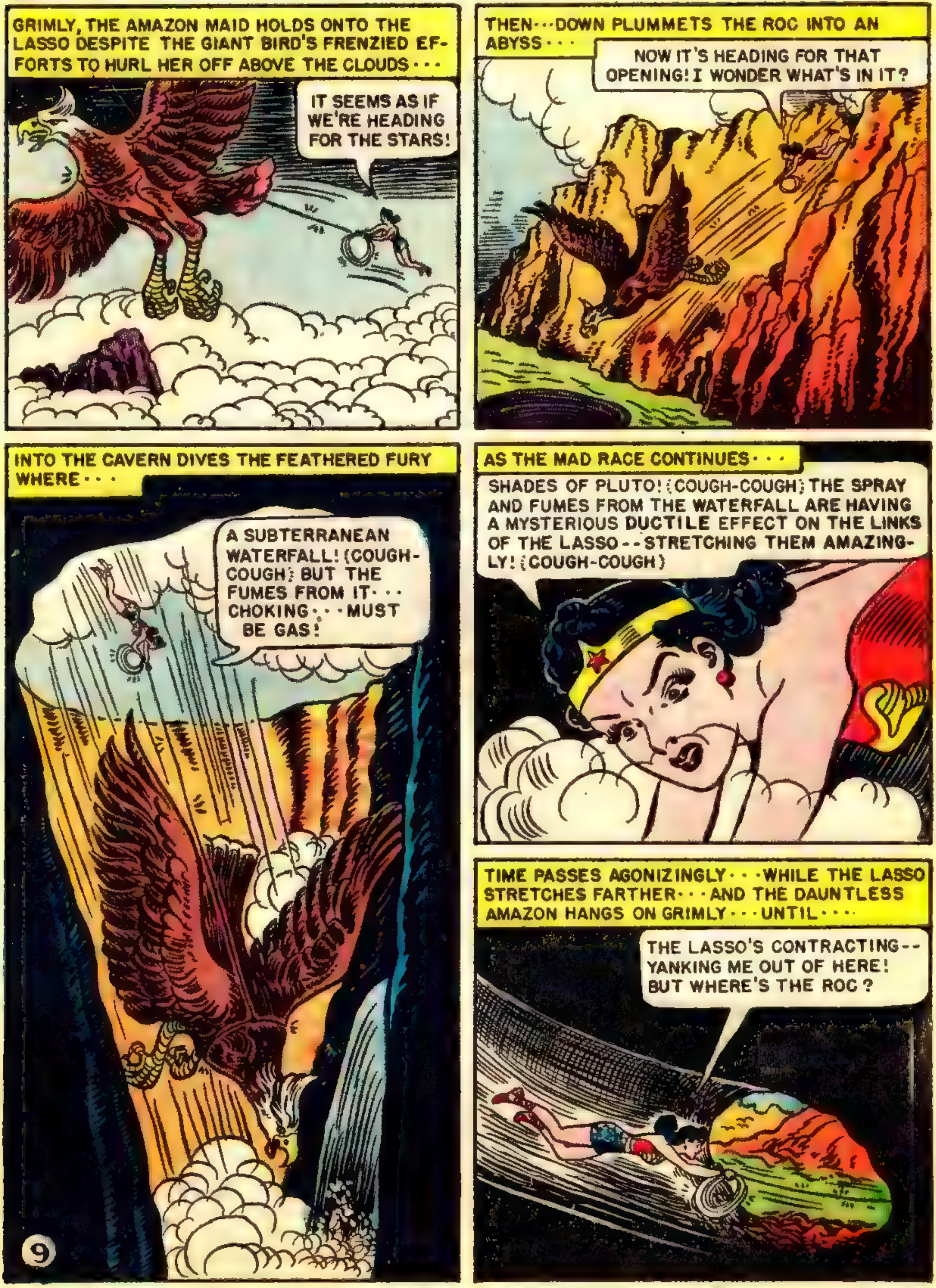

AS WONDER WOMAN RACES OFF DREAD ISLAND, SHE STEPS ONTO A FLOATING LOG · · ·
A WHALE! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

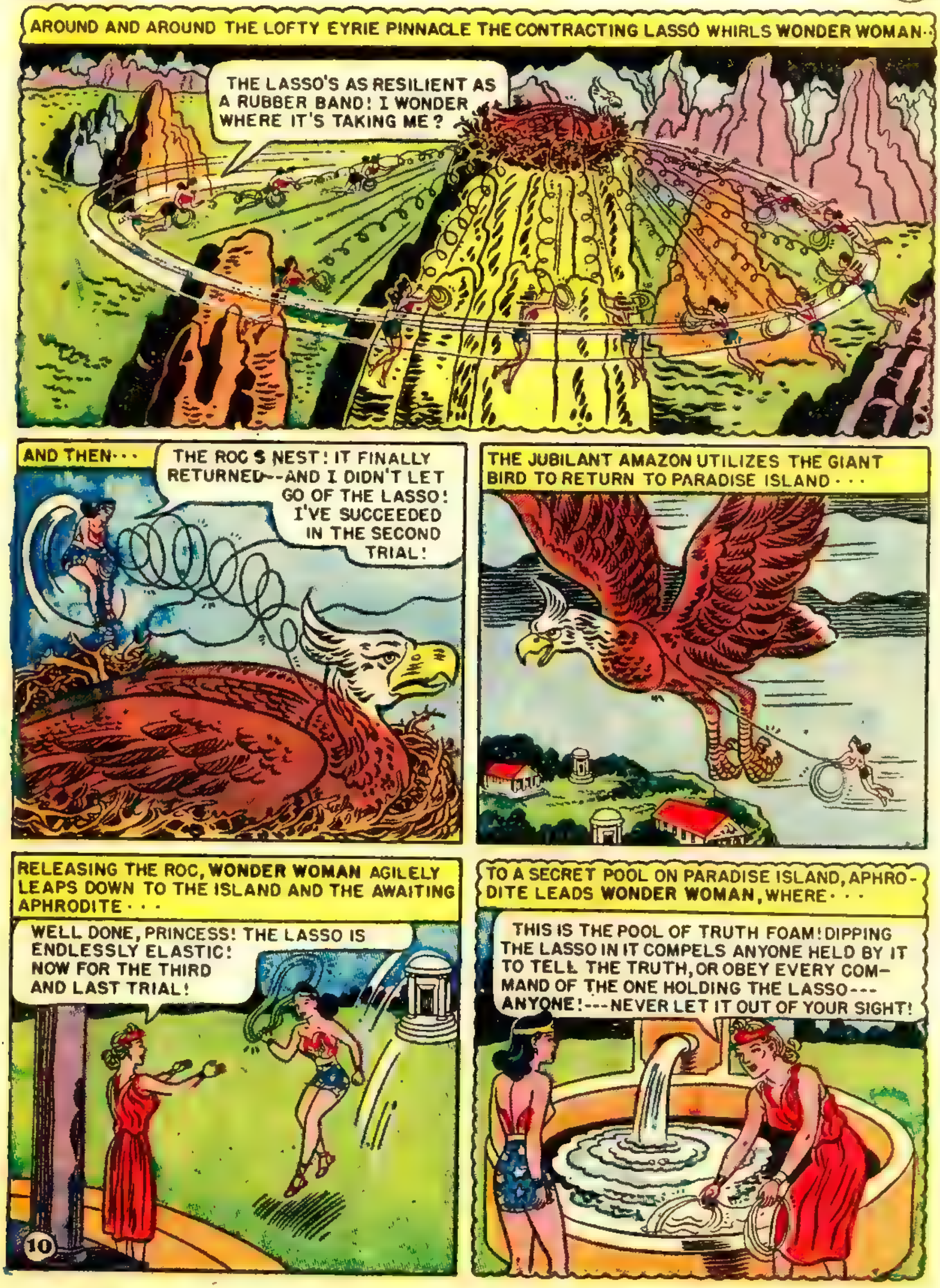

WITH THE FLOATING LOG FOR A SURF BOARD, AND THE LEVIATHAN OF THE DEEP, FOR A TOW, THE GAY AMAZON IS SPEEDILY CARRIED BACK TO PARADISE ISLAND · · ·
HOLA!

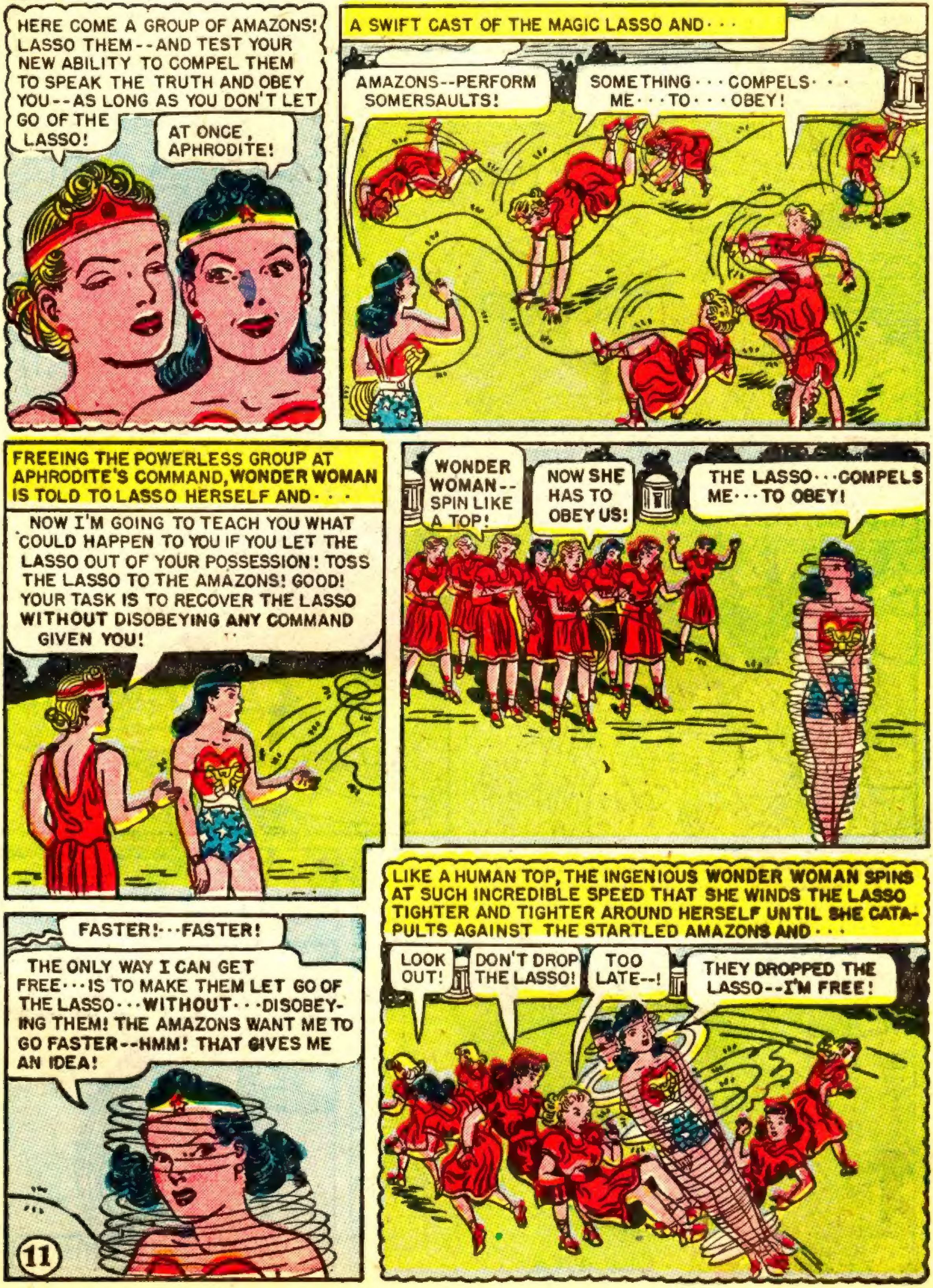

RELEASING THE WHALE, WONDER WOMAN HURRIES TO THE AWAITING APHRODITE · · ·
WELL DONE, PRINCESS! BUT YOUR SECOND TASK IS HARDER! TO MAKE THE LASSO ENDLESSLY ELASTIC, YOU MUST LASSO THE GIANT ROC IN ITS NEST ATOP EYRIE PINNACLE--AND NOT LET GO, NO MATTER WHERE IT TAKES YOU--UNTIL IT RETURNS TO ITS NEST AGAIN!

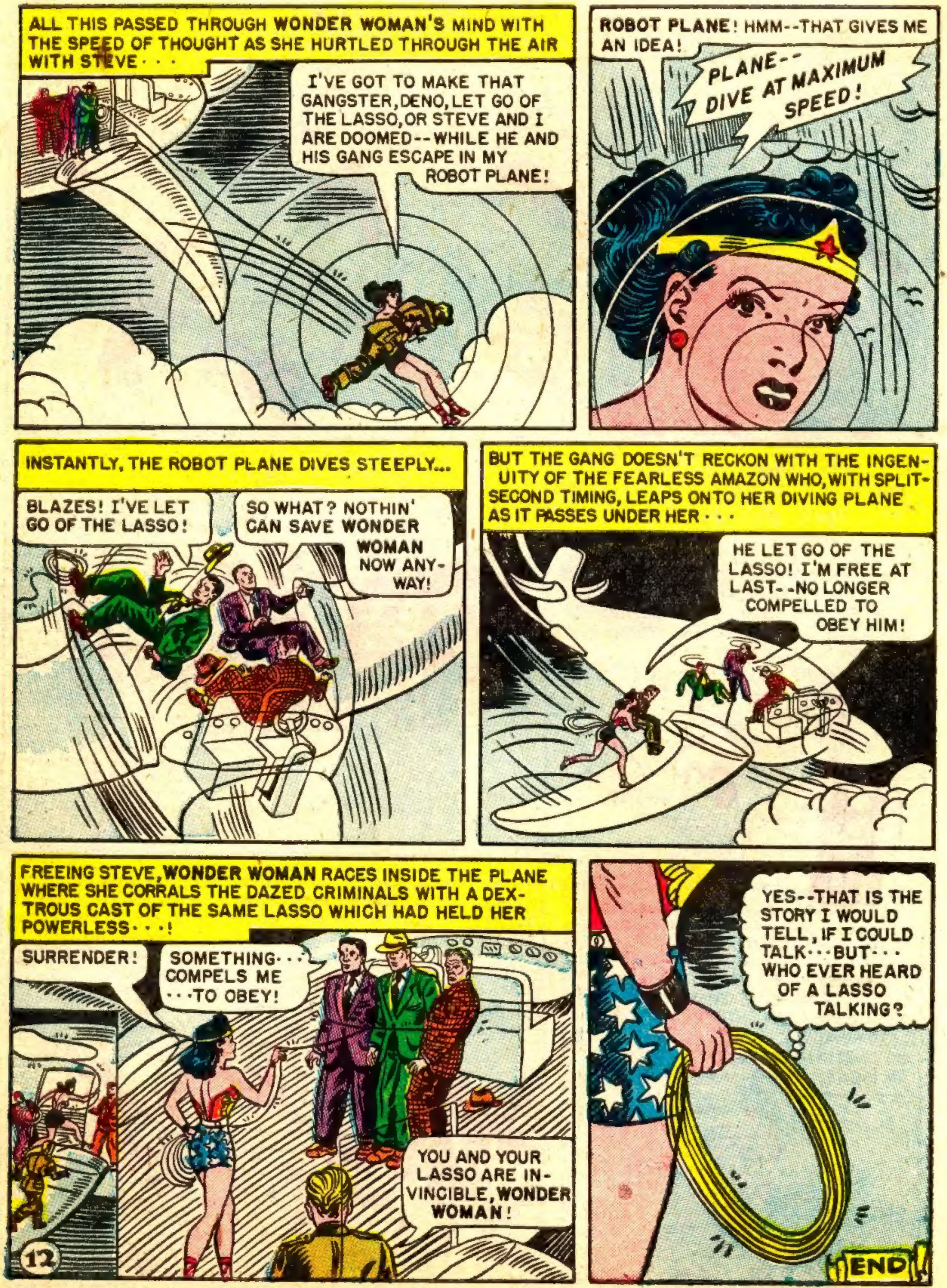

SWIFTLY, THE FLEET AMAZON RACES TO THE ISLAND HOME OF THE ROC · · · AND CLIMBING UP THE EYRIE PINNACLE TO THE GIANT BIRD'S NEST · ·
I'D BETTER NOT MISS--I WON'T HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE!


BUT WONDER WOMAN'S SKILLFUL CAST REACHES ITS MARK AND, AS THE FEATHERED FURY CATAPULTS INTO THE AIR · · ·
NOW I'VE GOT TO HOLD ON--UNTIL THE ROC RETURNS TO ITS NEST!


GRIMLY, THE AMAZON MAID HOLDS ONTO THE LASSO DESPITE THE GIANT BIRD'S FRENZIED EFFORTS TO HURL HER OFF ABOVE THE CLOUDS · · ·
IT SEEMS AS IF WE'RE HEADING FOR THE STARS!
THEN · · · DOWN PLUMMETS THE ROC INTO AN ABYSS · · ·
NOW IT'S HEADING FOR THAT OPENING! I WONDER WHAT'S IN IT?
INTO THE CAVERN DIVES THE FEATHERED FURY WHERE · · ·
A SUBTERRANEAN WATERFALL! (COUGH-COUGH) BUT THE FUMES FROM IT · · · CHOKING · · · MUST BE GAS!
AS THE MAD RACE CONTINUES · · ·
SHADES OF PLUTO! (COUGH-COUGH) THE SPRAY AND FUMES FROM THE WATERFALL ARE HAVING A MYSTERIOUS DUCTILE EFFECT ON THE LINKS OF THE LASSO -- STRETCHING THEM AMAZINGLY! (COUGH-COUGH)
TIME PASSES AGONIZINGLY · · · WHILE THE LASSO STRETCHES FARTHER · · · AND THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON HANGS ON GRIMLY · · · UNTIL · · ·
THE LASSO'S CONTRACTING -- YANKING ME OUT OF HERE! BUT WHERE'S THE ROC?


AROUND AND AROUND THE LOFTY EYRIE PINNACLE THE CONTRACTING LASSO WHIRLS WONDER WOMAN··
THE LASSO'S AS RESILIENT AS A RUBBER BAND! I WONDER WHERE IT'S TAKING ME?
AND THEN···
THE ROC'S NEST! IT FINALLY RETURNED--AND I DIDN'T LET GO OF THE LASSO! I'VE SUCCEEDED IN THE SECOND TRIAL!
THE JUBILANT AMAZON UTILIZES THE GIANT BIRD TO RETURN TO PARADISE ISLAND···
RELEASING THE ROC, WONDER WOMAN AGILELY LEAPS DOWN TO THE ISLAND AND THE AWAITING APHRODITE···
WELL DONE, PRINCESS! THE LASSO IS ENDLESSLY ELASTIC! NOW FOR THE THIRD AND LAST TRIAL!
TO A SECRET POOL ON PARADISE ISLAND, APHRODITE LEADS WONDER WOMAN, WHERE···
THIS IS THE POOL OF TRUTH FOAM! DIPPING THE LASSO IN IT COMPELS ANYONE HELD BY IT TO TELL THE TRUTH, OR OBEY EVERY COMMAND OF THE ONE HOLDING THE LASSO--- ANYONE!---NEVER LET IT OUT OF YOUR SIGHT!


HERE COME A GROUP OF AMAZONS! LASSO THEM--AND TEST YOUR NEW ABILITY TO COMPEL THEM TO SPEAK THE TRUTH AND OBEY YOU--AS LONG AS YOU DON'T LET GO OF THE LASSO!
AT ONCE, APHRODITE!
A SWIFT CAST OF THE MAGIC LASSO AND···
AMAZONS--PERFORM SOMERSAULTS!
SOMETHING···COMPELS···ME···TO···OBEY!
FREEING THE POWERLESS GROUP AT APHRODITE'S COMMAND, WONDER WOMAN IS TOLD TO LASSO HERSELF AND···
NOW I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU IF YOU LET THE LASSO OUT OF YOUR POSSESSION! TOSS THE LASSO TO THE AMAZONS! GOOD! YOUR TASK IS TO RECOVER THE LASSO WITHOUT DISOBEYING ANY COMMAND GIVEN YOU!
WONDER WOMAN--SPIN LIKE A TOP!
NOW SHE HAS TO OBEY US!
THE LASSO···COMPELS ME···TO OBEY!
FASTER!···FASTER!
THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET FREE···IS TO MAKE THEM LET GO OF THE LASSO···WITHOUT···DISOBEYING THEM! THE AMAZONS WANT ME TO GO FASTER--HMM! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
LIKE A HUMAN TOP, THE INGENIOUS WONDER WOMAN SPINS AT SUCH INCREDIBLE SPEED THAT SHE WINDS THE LASSO TIGHTER AND TIGHTER AROUND HERSELF UNTIL SHE CATAPULTS AGAINST THE STARTLED AMAZONS AND···
LOOK OUT!
DON'T DROP THE LASSO!
TOO LATE--!
THEY DROPPED THE LASSO--I'M FREE!


ALL THIS PASSED THROUGH WONDER WOMAN'S MIND WITH THE SPEED OF THOUGHT AS SHE HURTLED THROUGH THE AIR WITH STEVE · · ·
I'VE GOT TO MAKE THAT GANGSTER, DENO, LET GO OF THE LASSO, OR STEVE AND I ARE DOOMED--WHILE HE AND HIS GANG ESCAPE IN MY ROBOT PLANE!
ROBOT PLANE! HMM--THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
PLANE--DIVE AT MAXIMUM SPEED!
INSTANTLY, THE ROBOT PLANE DIVES STEEPLY...
BLAZES! I'VE LET GO OF THE LASSO!
SO WHAT? NOTHIN' CAN SAVE WONDER WOMAN NOW ANYWAY!
BUT THE GANG DOESN'T RECKON WITH THE INGENUITY OF THE FEARLESS AMAZON WHO, WITH SPLIT-SECOND TIMING, LEAPS ONTO HER DIVING PLANE AS IT PASSES UNDER HER · · ·
HE LET GO OF THE LASSO! I'M FREE AT LAST--NO LONGER COMPELLED TO OBEY HIM!
FREEING STEVE, WONDER WOMAN RACES INSIDE THE PLANE WHERE SHE CORRALS THE DAZED CRIMINALS WITH A DEXTROUS CAST OF THE SAME LASSO WHICH HAD HELD HER POWERLESS · · ·!
SURRENDER!
SOMETHING · · · COMPELS ME · · · TO OBEY!
YOU AND YOUR LASSO ARE INVINCIBLE, WONDER WOMAN!
YES--THAT IS THE STORY I WOULD TELL, IF I COULD TALK · · · BUT · · · WHO EVER HEARD OF A LASSO TALKING?
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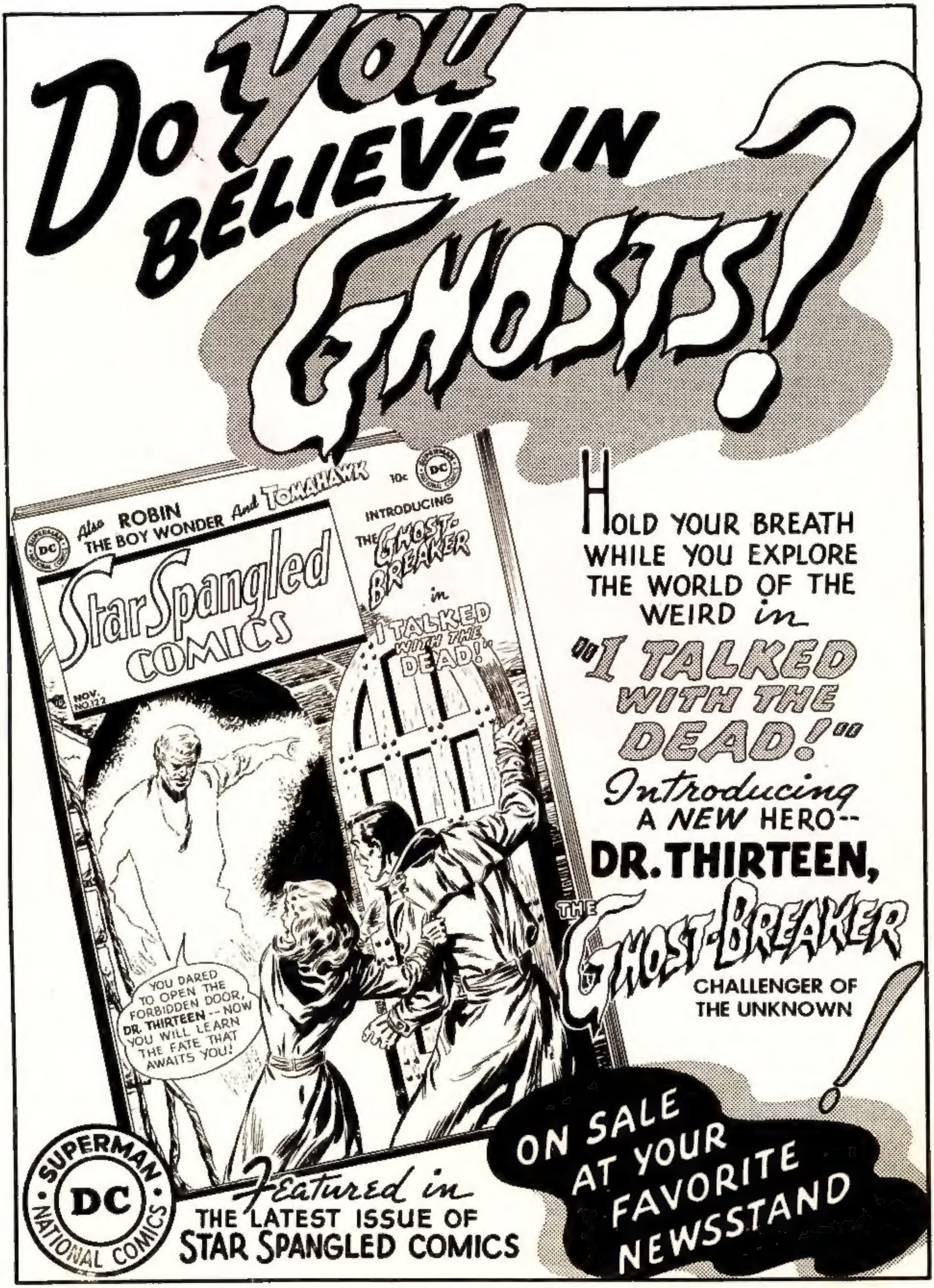

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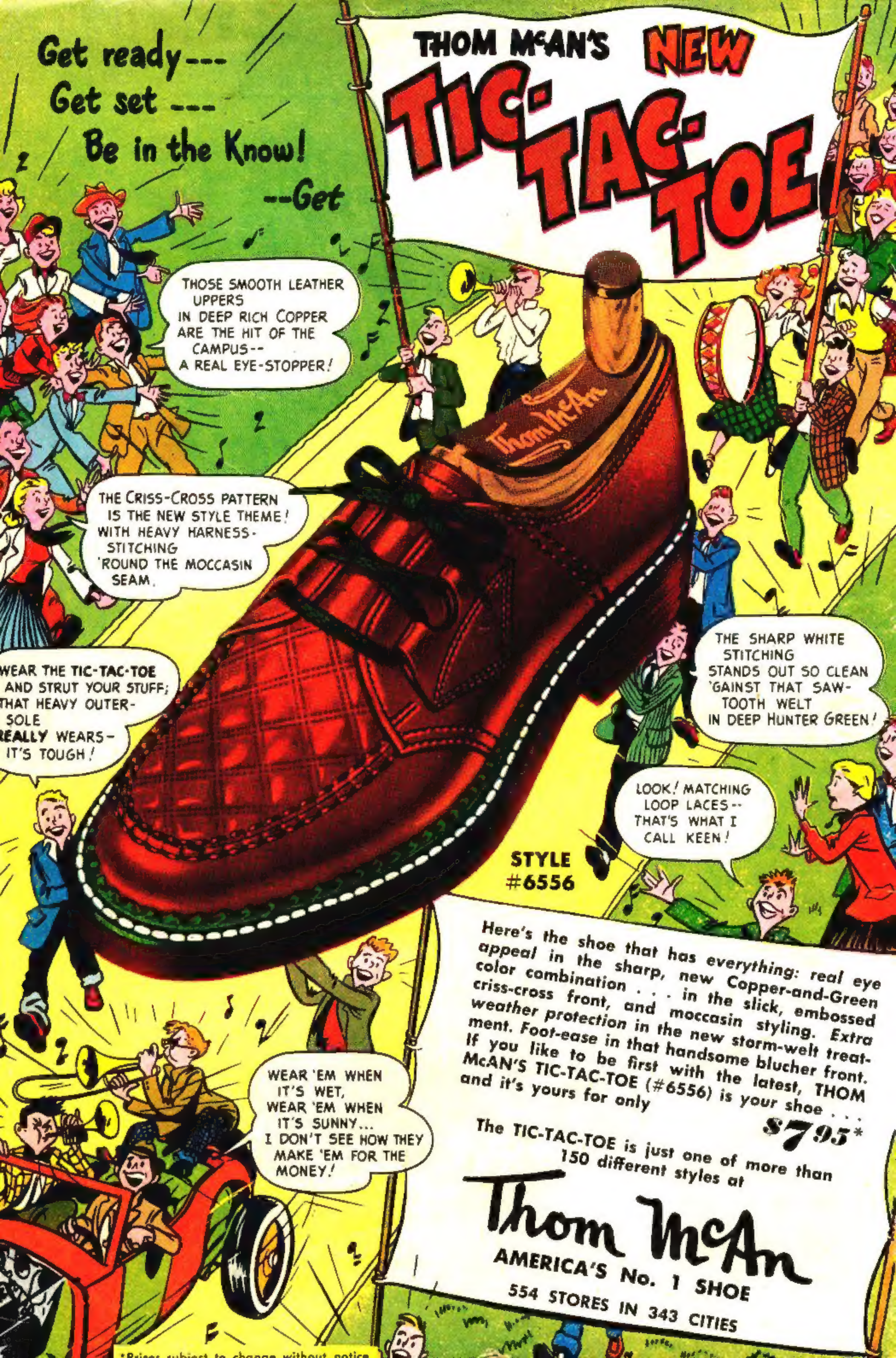
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